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Speak of the devil

Tory high command resolute in campaign to demonise Blair

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

The Tory high command defiantly maintained its campaign to demonise Tony Blair yesterday, with Defence Secretary Michael Portillo suggesting that the Labour leader was unfit to govern because he planned to "tamper: with the monarchy.

Using the most tenuous possible evidence for his claim a Fabian pamphlet written and published by a couple of alleged Blairites - Mr Portillo said: This pamphlet confirms New Labour's desire to tamper with the monarchy.

He said Mr Blair had already denounced the hereditary prin-

Mr Blair is an improbable Beelzebub leading article page 13

There is some high ground here which the Conservatives seem hell-bent on vacating Donald Macintyre page 15

ciple, albeit in relation to House of Lords reform, and added: "New Labour should be warned that they meddle with the monarchy at the nation's Trendy discussions around Islington dinner tables are no substitute for centuries of constitutional fine-tuning."

The Conservative strategy of opening up a full-scale attack on Mr Blair was last night causing unrest among the more squeamish Tory backbenchers and it was openly attacked by

the Bishop of Oxford. The Rt Rev Richard Harries said: "Vilitying members of other political parties is a



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tentially dangerous.
"As the election draws near I hope all parties will resist the temptation to go in for persona. abuse and dirty tricks and concentrate on some of the important issues the country needs to consider at this time.

Tory sources dismissed the bishop's complaint, saying the poster showing Mr Blair with burning eyes was not intended to appeal to the "sneering, socalled intellectuals of Islington", but was a graphic way of making a point.

There is every indication that the Conservatives are adopting the American elec-toral approach – of going allout for the man - because Labour's lead is so solidly based on the public perception of Mr Blair's honesty and trust-

Peter Mandelson, one of Labour's campaign managers, wrote in last night's London Evening Standard: "Tony Blair is a practising Christian and, by any standard, a man of decency and integrity. Whatever you think of his political views, to portray him as the devil is a crass, chimsy move.

"Nobody thinks he is evil and dangerous and Tory MP Sin Teddy Taylor this morning said he thought it was a mistake to go for the man in this way."

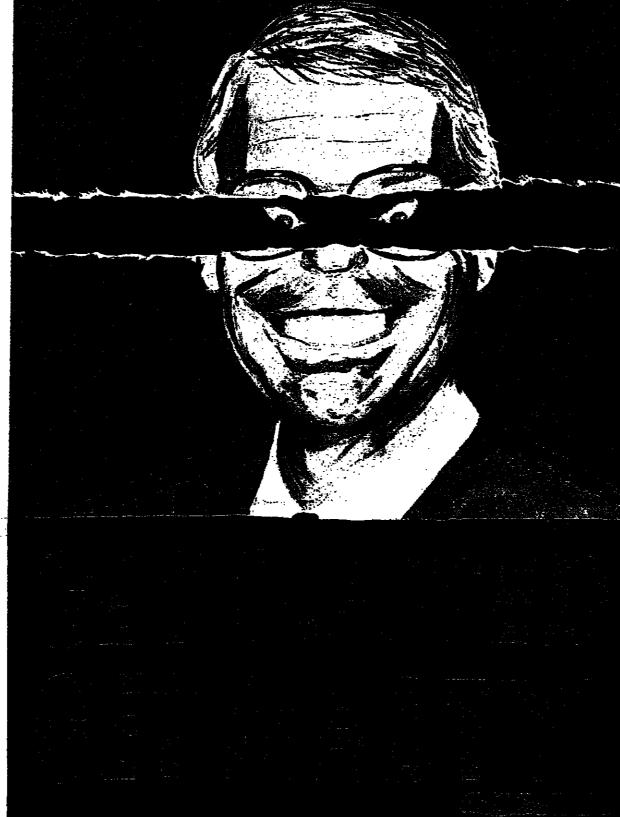
Mr Mandeslon said the Tories had descended to the current level of political campaigning because they had nothing positive to say about themselves; the mud of gutter politics might stick, as it had done in the United States; and because "they feel more threatened by the appeal of Blair's reborn party than they have felt about Labour for more than a

decade-and-a-half". As Labour had become less and less easy to attack, he added, the Tories had become more and more desperate in their approach.

Mr Portillo said earlier, how-ever, that the Tory strategy was working, and he defended the use of the controversial New Labour, New Danger* poster.

"We have applied the symbol of the red eyes - which stand for danger - to Tony Blair in order to make the point that behind the smiles and the soundbites there are policies which are deeply dangerous to our country," he said. Certainly, the nature of

Labour's response suggests defending their new poster



ting Tory campaign sink in with the electorate. Every word, every move is being care-

fully tracked and answered.

At a press conference on the "shamefui greed" of the water industry bosses yesterday morning, a paper was circulated about the views of another

candidate who had written for the Fabians, the party produced the words of the Conservative candidate for St Albans, former Treasury ad-

viser, David Rutley. Mr Rutley wrote in the mainstream Tory publication Crossbow some years back that

that the party is not taking any lowly candidate on the monar-chances of letting the hard-hit-chy. Instead of the Labour should be put on some form of conference. performance-related pay which could be based, in part, on the number of handshakes they de-

livered. Driving home the party's response to the equally unimportant Fabian pamphlet, Labour frontbencher Frank Dobson delivered a prepared

"Tony Blair has consistently expressed his great admira-tion for the job that the Queen does on behalf of us all," he said. "There is no prospect whatever of a Labour government seeking to alter the political role or status of the Queen in any way.

doctor urges **NICHOLAS TIMMINS** bryos, at a private address where they are in hiding acand REBECCA FOWLER companied by a News of the The consultant responsible for World reporter. Mr Clifford said: "They reattempting to deliver the eight embryos being carried by Mandy Allwood appealed yes-terday to the News of the Borld ceived money for the exclusive story, which they will get what-ever happens. With regards to newspaper to drop its exclusive the future, it's got to be very flexible. She's hoping for eight healthy children. He said there was an "almost He added: "She's also been zero chance" of Ms Allwood told if she were to abort, and she

Drop deal on octuplets,

successfully giving birth to the habies, conceived with the aid of fertility drugs, and he appealed for her to be left in peace to decide her future away from the influence of the media. Ms Allwood, 31, and her

partner Paul Hudson, 37, from Solihull in the West Midlands, have reportedly sold their story to the paper for £1m, or £125,000 per baby, amid suggestions there was a sliding scale according to the number of embryos which survived.

Professor Kypros Nicolaides, head of foctal medicine at King's College Hospital, London, said: "It is absolutely imperative that within the next two or three days the publicity settles to allow her, her partner and medical team to make the right decision." The safest option would be to reduce the embryos to two, he said.

The News of the World ha denied operating the worst kind of "cheque-book journalism" and said that the contract with Ms Allwood was not a "step-bystep" arrangement. In a statement it also said if she chose to withdraw, the newspaper would not for a moment stand in her way."

Stuart Kuttner, managing editor of the newspaper, said: "The last thing the News of the World would want would be for Mandy Allwood to take any risk to herself or to the children. We are not in that kind of business."

According to Max Clifford, the PR guru who is acting for Ms Allwood and Mr Hudson, the couple are giving priority to her health and that of the em-

doesn't believe in abortion, it might then kill the other children. But if it might also be a question of aborting two because that was the only chance of saving the other children. It's not a question of having eight children at all costs."

Leading fertility specialists vesterday resisted calls for greater regulation of routine infertility treatments of the type Mandy Allwood underwent.

The failure in Ms Allwood's case, they argued, was not one of regulation but of her apparent failure to take medical advice not to have sexual intercourse at a criticial stage in her treatment. Some specialists were sceptical of her claims that she underwent the treatment behind Mr Hudson's back and queried why she was being treated for infertility at all.

Mr Robert Forman, clinical director of the London Gynaecology and Fertility Centre said Ms Allwood's treatment been available for the past 30 years. It had produced the Walton sextuplets in 1983, and multiple pregnancies were a recognised risk, with about one in four successful treatments producing twins. Very high numbers of conceptions, however, were now "exceedingly rare" because patients took their doctors' advice about avoiding sexual intercourse if a large number of eggs were pro-

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Gun lobbyists sue Dunblane police over lost business

London Underground. Page 2 MICHAEL STREETER

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Billions of pounds were wiped off tobacco shares yesterday af-A gun lobby group yesterday anter the first successful lawsuit by nounced plans to sue a Scottish police force for alleged negli-gence over the Dunblane shoot-Page 3 Water bosses 'greed' The "shameless greed" of waings which they claim have cost their industry "millions" of

ter company bosses was con-demned by Labour spokesman The Shooters' Rights Asso-Frank Dobson vesterday, after he had exposed details of a new ciation, which represents gun-£20m pay and perks package for smiths and distributors, say the Central Scotland force should the industry's directors. Page 5 not have granted Thomas Hamilton licences for the weapons he used to kill 15 in-The break-up of Lourno, the fants and their teacher last controversial mining conglom-March. They claim that as a dierate, could be complete withrect result of this failure on the in three months, marking the completion of the dismemberpart of the police the gun industry suffered lost orders and

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land police refused to com-ment on the association's claims. The announcement, which

caused anger among anti-gun campaigners, came on the eve of today's publication by the home affairs select committee of its report on firearms controls and is part of pressure being exerted by the gim lobby in the run up to next month's Cullen re-

A fighting fund, set up by groups representing Britain's one million gun enthusiasts, has so far raised tens of thousands of pounds, some of which has being used to hire a top London PR and lobby firm, John Kendall Associates. The moves are seen by many

observers as a calculated attempt by the gun lobby and industry - thought to be worth £600m a year and employing up to 50,000 people - to influence key decision-makers at a time of great public anger over the abuse of firearms. Conservative politicians in

particular are thought to have been targeted. The six Tory MPs on the select committee are expected to come out against a ban on handguns in to-day's report, a stance which has already provoked public anger.

A senior Labour source on the committee told The Independent: "The gun lobby didn't come anywhere near me. They clearly have focused their attentions on the Conservatives and it appears to have worked."

Michael Yardley, a former army officer and leading author on weapons, said: "There has been lobbying, quite a lot as far as targeting the the Conservative Party is concerned. "But I think it's bad politics

to have targeted the Conservative Party more than the Labour Party. The danger is that this becomes purely a party political issue and a manifesto issue for the Labour Party." Apart from the behind-the-

scenes lobbying at Westminster,

Culien Report recommen such a ban the Government hard-pressed to resist it in face of the current public mod The Gun Control Network,

which groups together relatives of the Dunblane and Hungerford tragedies as well as academics and lawyers, insisted: "This is no time for a timid response ... It looks like a pre-emptive strike on behalf of the shooting lobby and, as such,

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Today's threatened Tube strike was called off last night, but the possibility of future action has not been ruled out.

In a split between the two unions involved in the sevenweek dispute, the drivers' union Aslef hailed a 35-hour week deal from London Underground as a significant victory, but the RMT transport union said it was being bought at too

However, both unions agreed to suspend today's strike -

scheduled to be the eighth in a series of stoppages, and the fifth joint day of action - and put the offer to members.

The move means for one day at least, the chaos that has brought misery to London's 1.6 million commuters will cease. Aslef general secretary, Lew Adams said he "anticipated a normal service".

London Underground welcomes the "path-finding deal." Managing director Dennis Tungood for out customers, for

fered by customers during seven strike days, this agreement provides a new and more stable industry relations climate."

The offer was the fifth option

from London Underground and was presented to unions on Friday when they were unexthe conciliation service Acas. It will secure the union's aim

of a 35-hour working week by nicliffe said: "This agreement is 1998, with a 1.5 per cent pay offer this year dropping to 2 per from eight hours and 45 minutes to eight and a half hours. Although the proposal sees

an effective pay cut, Mr Adams said the dispute had never been over salaries. "This wasn't over money, it was about easing the burden on the members we pectedly called to a meeting at represent." The union had repeatedly offered to modify any pay claim in return for better working conditions to ease the stress of working under ground.
"I think we've achieved a victory. This is perhaps one of the

deed for our train operators. following two years. It will also first of the public-sector trade the pay bargain would hit re-Despite the inconvenience suf-cut the maximum shift length unions to achieve a 35-hour tiring members particularly week," Mr Adams said. "Unfortunately, in many respects one would have thought we could have come to this conclusion some two to three months ago."

However, Bob Crow, RMT's assistant general secretary, said his executive could not recommend the package. "There are some positive features, but the price of achieving the 35-hour week is high." Some conditions, such as working on rest days, were unacceptable, and

hard as pensions are based on final-year salary which could be 6 per cent less than it might be by the end of this deal. He added, however, that the union executive would abide by the decision of its 900 members involved in the dispute. The referendum will close on 21 August, two hours before the next

planned strike. Acceptance of the deal would end a dispute that has cost London Underground an esti-

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Victael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, was urged by a right-wing think-tank to intervene and save the Government's flagship Private Finance Initiative from sinking under its own weight. In a report, the Adam Smith Institute said red tape and bureaucracy were putting off private firms from investing private finance in public section. private firms from investing private finance in public sector contracts for roads, hospitals and prison schemes.

The report, Seize the Initiative, accused public officials of

costing contractors millions of pounds as they dithered over details for buildings and services. The institute said Mr Heseltine should be called in to sort out the muddle. It proposed bringing in private sector managers to sharpen up the performance of officials, and limit PFI to a very few projects that were likely to be successful. Colin Brown

he possibility of life on Mars has prompted a very real boost in the number of visitors to the Natural History Museum, which is displaying one of only 12 known meteorites from the planet. Last Saturday, almost 8.000 people visited the museum in London, a rise of almost 25 per cent on the number at the same time last year.

Now, the museum is rushing to put together a new exhibition which will display a section from ALHS4001 - the meteorite thought by Nasa scientists to demonstrate that life once existed on the "red planet". It will go on show from Wednesday 21 August, with panels explaining its significance and reflecting the intense media coverage of the past week. Charles Arthur bac

After ten hours of complex legal argument, Guernsey's Bailiff, Sir Graham Dorey, has decided to reserve his judgement on whether or not the Crown can become a

defendant in an action brought by the Barclay twins.

The multi-millionaire brothers, who have just moved into a £40m castle on Brecqhou, are seeking to remove their tiny Channel Island from the jurisdiction of neighbouring Sark—and its feudal inheritance laws. Sir Graham's decision is expected later this week, Philip Jeune

eading crime writer Brian Masters has been asked to name his sources for police interview material in his book on the trial of mass murderer Rosemary West. But the author - whose book is critical of the police and prosecution case against the Gloucester housewife - is refusing to say where he obtained details of the interviews with her husband and self-confessed murderer, Frederick West.

Gloucestershire's Deputy Chief Constable, Nigel Burgess asked Mr Masters to reveal where he obtained "unused material" from police investigations. Such material is normally only revealed to legal representatives and is not in the public domain as part of the legal hearings connected with the case. Mr Masters told the police that only a "few passages" involved the taped police interviews. He would not say where he obtained the material, but only that no police officer was involved.

A jumbo jet made an emergency landing after a passenger alerted air crew to a crack in the wing, an official report revealed yesterday. The traveller noticed the split in a fibre-glass panel as the British Airways 747 reached 15,000ft after take-off. He reported the fault to crew on the 26-year-old jet bound for Boston from Heathrow airport.

After inspection, the flight engineer told the captain the crack looked "bad" - and the pilot decided to return to Heathrow, 90 minutes after taking off. The captain told investigators he was worried the panel could fall off and damage the plane or hit people on the ground. He was also concerned about "unnerving" the passengers, who still had five hours of their journey to complete. The aircraft made a low-level emergency call and landed safely at Heathrow after spending 20 minutes dumping fuel. A spokesman for British Airways described the fault as "minor" and said the aircraft had returned to Heathrow as a precaution.

ory voters in Michael Portillo's London constituency are threatening to abandon their support for the Secretary of State for Defence at the next election if he fails to support them in a planning dispute with his local party. Enfield Southgate Conservative Association wants to sell the building that contains its headquarters to burger chain McDonald's for a rumoured £325,000.

But thousands of residents are backing a campaig against the take-away and are seeking their local MP's support. Mr Portillo has to tread carefully to avoid upsetting his local party association, which wants to get the best deal for party funds, and the 2,000 objectors who say the restaurant will bring noisy traffic to a residential area.

The film Independence Day broke box office records last weekend, in a repetition of its US success. The science-fiction thriller, which depicts the destruction by aliens of New York, Washington and Los Angeles, took nearly £7m in 434 cinemas when it opened in the UK.

The £6,996,000 ticket sales were 40 per cent higher than

Greetings from the South Coast - plenty to do here, especially paddling



A fireman uses an inflatable boat to ferry children in Folkestone after rain flooded several Kent coastal resorts. Six people were hurt when a shop collapsed in the town as a result of the deluge. The shop, in Blackbull Road, 'tumbled like a pack of cards', according to a spokesman for Kent Fire Brigade. Police described the situation as chaotic, while the fire brigade said they were receiving one emergency call every 25 seconds and had to set up a second line to deal with the calls

Clarke targets defence to fund tax cuts

COLIN BROWN

Chief Political Correspondent

Kenneth Clarke has set his sights on deep cuts in Michael Portillo's £21bn defence budget, as part of the spending squeeze to make way for tax cuts in the Budget.

The move has caused alarm among senior Tory backbenchers who see it as a fit of pique by the Chancellor over his failure to block a series of ma-

ough review of the defence orders for a Nimmod replacement. a "tank-busting" missile, and a mini cruise" missile for the RAF. But he was overruled after the intervention of John Ma-

Mr Major ordered Michael Heseltine, the deputy Prime Minister, to settle the row between the Treasury and the MoD, and Mr Portillo was giv-

or defence orders costing over en the go-ahead to announce £3bn. Mr Clarke wanted a thor- the orders for all three projects. securing thousands of jobs in the defence industries in the run-up to the general election.

But senior Treasury sources have told The Independent that Mr Clarke is determined to stage a fight-back in September, when ministers resume the hard bargaining over their budgets

The Chancellor, who will chair the Cabinet EDX committee on public expenditure, is keen to reduce defence spendhave already warned Mr Clarke that defence has been cut to the bone in recent years, and there is no more fat left. They fear that further cuts will result in a reduction in Britain's defence

The MPs are planning to press their demands for spending to be protected in a full-scale defence debate in the week

the Commons returns after the summer recess, But Mr Clarke's ing in other areas. Tory MPs friends believe that Mr Portillo, as a Thatcherite, should be expected to follow his principles by reducing his own budget. Mr Portillo is arguing that he

has gone ahead with the sale of married quarters homes, in the teeth of fierce opposition from Tory MPs, to give the Treasury has an additional £1.6bn for tax

The MoD denied it was

spending millions of pounds of taxpayers' money upgrading and refurbishing the homes before they are sold. One report said an internal MoD memo had stated "the brakes are off" spending. But a statement said any repairs were within the budget already allocated.

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Exam board denies easy grades at GCSE

Exam-board officials said yesterday that reports of candidates who scored 14 per cent being awarded C grades at GCSE were wrong - the true percent-

age grade was much higher.
Officials at the Southern Examining Group refused to give the percentage needed for a grade C, the equivalent of a pass in the old O-level exam, but said it was "nowhere near" the figure being quoted.

Mathematics papers are divided into three levels of difficulty, and the paper in question was the most difficult. It is understood that the true figure corresponds closely to last year's grade C passmark for the hardest level in several subjects: 38 per cent in double science and 42 per cent in biology.

The board says that the mark for grade C in the most de-

ered this year, because candi-dates had found the paper so difficult. The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority insisted that the original exam was changed because it was not hard enough. The authority has asked for a report from one of its officials who was an as-sessor at the meeting at which the decision to lower the grade C mark was taken. Ministers

request an inquiry into the marking of the paper The dispute is bound to fuel the controversy about exam standards which will intensify on Thursday with the publication of this year's A-level results. The pass rate is expected to rise again. GCSE results are out

next week.

have yet to decide whether to

The examining group pointed out that changing the mark required to achieve different grades was common practice. The aim was to ensure that candidates were not penalised if a Monday, 19 August.

than in previous years. Marks for a grade might change but standards did not. In addition, the mark required to achieve each grade varied from subject to subject. In English, last year, a grade C in the most difficult paper required 65 per cent.

George Turnbull, a spokesman for the group, said: "There is no magic raw mark which says that you have a grade C or B. If the exam is easier this year than last year, more people would get 50 per cent."

A spokesman for the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority said: "We shall be scrutinising this year's results ... and checking that the Southern Examining Group's results are comparable in standard to those of other boards.

The official UCAS listings of places available this year through clearing will appear exclusively in The Independent' starting on

Parade deadlock resolved

DAVID MCKITTRICK

ireland Correspondent An overnight parade stand off in the Co. Londonderry village

of Bellaghy ended peacefully yesterday morning, when loyalist marchers and Catholic residents compromised on a curtailed route.

Following more than 15 hours of deadlock, 400 members of the Royal Black Preceptory, led by a single band, marched along the village's main street to the local Orange hall. Rows of police in full riot gear

stood by, together with crowds

reached a mainly Catholic section of the village.
Afterwards, both marchers

and Catholic residents laid claim to a moral victory, while the RUC described the outcome as a victory for commonsense. RUC Deputy Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan personally supervised the police operation.

The Royal Black Preceptory, known popularly as "the Black" and "the Blackmen," is closely related to the Orange Order, the main Protestant marching organisation. It is regarded as of local nationalists, as the pa- a senior branch of the Order,

rade was halted before it and has been described as the conservative face of Orangeism. All sides are now taking stock

of a marching season which included the traumatic stand off at Drumcree, Co Armagh last month. A three-person committee has been appointed to carry out a review of the parades issue in time for next year's marching season.

Meanwhile, a sectarian motive is suspected in the murder of a Catholic youth who was buried yesterday. John Molloy, who was 18, was found dying in a north Belfast street early on Saturday morning. He had been

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Billions of pounds were wiped off tobacco shares yesterday af-ter the first successful lawsuit by a former smoker.

On Friday a Florida jury de-cided in favour of a retired airtraffic controller, Grady Carter, and his wife, Millie, and against Brown & Williamson, a US offshoot of the BAT tobacco multinational. The jury awarded the couple £500,000 after Mr Carter, 66, who got lung cancer after smoking for 44 years. claimed the cigarette maker had been negligent in not waru-ing him of health dangers.

Yesterday at least £1.4 bn was wiped off the value of BAT Industries shares as the stock market absorbed the impact of the ruling against the tobacco and insurance conglomerate. By the close of business yesterday. its shares had plunged 9 per cent to 464p.
In the United States, shares

in other tobacco manufacturers such as Philip Morris also fell

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steeply. While BAT and some analysts expected the decision to be overturned, others said shares might fall further as the market assessed the prospect of a torrent of litigation.

"Nobody knows whether the flood-gates might open," said Simon Willis, an analyst at the stockbrokers Charterhouse Tilney. There are about 200 similar cases pending against to-

possible the Carter ruling will

encourage other smokers to

The verdict compounds a

period of increasingly bad PR

for the industry. In the US, nine

states are suing tobacco com-

panies, seeking reimbursement



racketeering, conspiracy, mail

In Hong Kong, BAT is involved in a case involving the il-legal export of \$HK8.5m (£708,000) in cigarettes to China and the attempted bribery of former BAT officials. The case gained widespread publicity when a man due to take the

and wire fraud laws.

was murdered in Singapore.

could be a watershed.

ASH, the tobacco control

pressure group, is among those

to use. It shows the tobacco in-

dustry does have a case to an-

pled by multi-party actions, it would simply refocus its ener-gies, concentrating on the emerging markets and upping the emphasis on its "acceptable face", with sponsorship and

advertising.
In Britain, for example, BAT "sponsors" two schools, pro-viding teachers, a technician and five assistants at Archbishop

Juries have taken the view that hazards are so well known that smokers do so at their own risk'

bacco companies and it is stand as a prosecution witness Ramsey school in Southwark and more than £2m in six years of sponsorship for the Macmillan City Technology College in

who believe the latest verdict Last month Cambridge Uni-"We're delighted with the deversity agreed to allow the comcision. The argument that was used is quite similar to what pany to sponsor a £1.5m chair. "It buys them credibility if they can get Cambridge University lawyers in Britain were hoping to lend its good name," said Ms Bhaumik. "And it undermines all the work that parents and

eign companies have less than 10 per cent of the business," she are being financed by the to-

bacco industries." According to Judith Mackay, of the Asian Consultancy on Tobacco Control in Hong Kong, tobacco companies "could not be doing any more" in terms of netrating new markets.

A Light Smoke

A Light Smoke

The citadel is crumbling a bit but they are saying very in damages in similar cases strongly that the latest case has nothing to do with Asia. They have identified a developing dating back 40 years. market in Asia and are predicting a 33-per-cent increase there." In China there are 300m smokers, with a predicted rise to 500 million by 2000. "The reason they're so interested is because we're on an economic roll

... as opposed to places like In-dia and Africa." Dr Mackay said that there was less risk of litigation for the industry in Asia, because it not only provided employment but many governments were in-volved in the state manufacture

of cigarettes. pany in the world is actually the

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tobacco prompted a thousand campaigns, for and against. At top right is Mariboro Man, Wayne McLaren, kill

Legal'Aid Board withdrew sup- of the stockbrokers BZW. "In port for a multi-party action on

And before campaigners be-gin breaking open the chamand lawyers are considering pagne, it is wise to look at the taking the cases on a conditional past history of similar cases. Ciearette makers boast that the industry has never paid a penny

It has lost only once, in 1988. That jury decision, in which \$400,000 was awarded to the lysts agree that the decision is unlikely to stand. family of Rose Cipollone of New Jersey, was overturned on

In Britain last month the have," said Nyren Scott-Malden

behalf of 300 smokers. ASH has launched an appeal

BAT plans to appeal against the Florida judgement and expects to win. Philip Morris issued a bullish statement describing the verdict as "an aberration", while City ana-

"I think the judge probably allowed evidence he shouldn't

the last 40 years juries have taken the view that the hazards of smoking are so well known that smokers do so at their own risk." BAT said that if the appeal court's verdict were to prove un-

favourable, the tobacco indus-try would take the case to the Supreme Court. "The more we look at it, the more we believe there are good grounds for success at the appeal stage, based on the way the udge handled the trial in his use

of inadmissible, speculative ev-

idence." said a BAT spokesman.

"It's a rogue judgement."

of costs to cover smokers' ill-nesses, with predictions that up to 11 more will have filed by the end of summer. A lawsuit from said Monisha Bhaumik, a spokeswoman. Texas says the defendants are teachers do to encourage the among "the worst of civilisa-But she admitted that unless Lies, damned lies THE DEADLY TOL and statistics

Cigarettes smoked per head, 1990 4831

4734 Macau 3968 Malta and Gozo 3560 Lebanon 3554 Greece 3382 Cuba 3218 UAE 3177 Hungary 3158 Brunei 3081 Japan 17 2605 2417 ireland 2099 France 1945 UK Cigarette consumption per head of the adult population (15-years-old and over) in 128 countries

Compiling accurate statistics on the extent of cigarette smoking is not as straightforward as one might think. While some basic information is com-

monly provided by governments, customs and excise agencies and health organisations in a particular country, there are often social, economic and cultural influences at work which make the real picture more difficult to see. For example, in some cultures, smok-

ing by women remains largely pro-scribed, so the given data for those nations would exclude female smokers.

In addition, cigarettes that are brought into a country by smugglers (and therefore not subject to Government taxes or levies) can not be controlled, or even counted. Smuggling of cigarettes is known to be endemic in many poorer African and Asian countries, like Algeria, Nigeria, Pakistan, Zimbabwe or China. In addition, the abolition of many internal restrictions on trade in the EU1 and the collpase of the former Soviet Bloc, have presented a golden opportunity for racketeers.

Expressing cigarette consumption as "cigarettes" rather than as "grams of to-bacco" leads to another problem. The quantity of tobacco stuffed into a cigarette differs from country to country, and within each country it can often differ from year to year. While in 1982 the avcrage weight of 1,000 Australian cigarettes was 823 grams, by 1991, this had fallen to 715 grams.

enough, the available data only talks about cigarettes per se, thereby excluding any other tobacco-based products. So in Norway, a country where rolling one's own cigarettes is particularly pop-ular, the 3,500 tonnes of hand-rolling tobacco consumed in the year of the survey

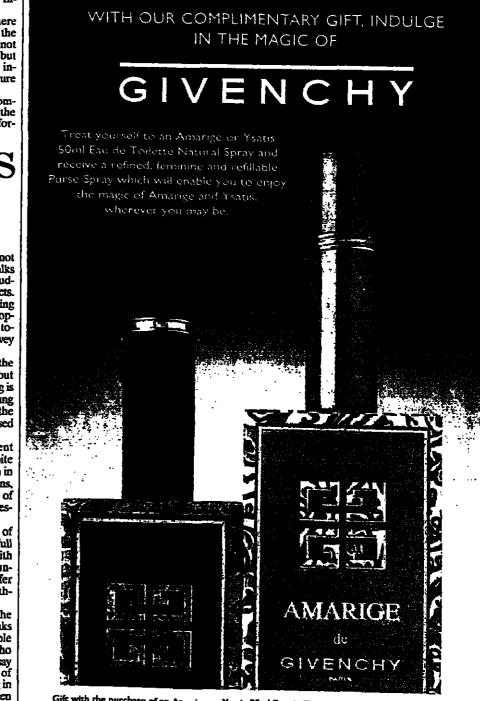
don't appear in the figures. Nevertheless, regardless of how the statistics are compiled, evidence about the long-term health risks of smoking is considerable. One person dies from lung cancer every minute of every day in the UK; nine out of every 10 cases are caused

by cigarette smoking.

The Greeks, however, represent something of an anomaly here. Despite holding the unenviable fifth position in the world ranking of smoking nations, they display a suprisingly low rate of cancer and a low rate of heart and respiratory disease.

They do, it is true, consume a lot of fresh fish and olive oil, both foods full of polyunsaturates, and associated with good health, but does their diet counteract the effects of tobacco and offer a way out to millions of smokers in other countries?

Sadly, Karen Williams, of ASH, the tobacco control pressure group, thinks not. "The current number of ill people represents the the men and women who consumed lots of tobacco in the past, say the Fifties and Sixties. So the results of a high percentage of people smoking in a particular country now will only be seen years in the future."



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Mandy, her lover, the publicist and the doctor: it has the tragedy and farce of a Mike Leigh film



The mother expecting eight babies leads an unconventional life, Rebecca Fowler reports

They called it a "miracle" as Mandy Allwood, 31, proudly clutched her swelling belly. She has already chosen names for the precious bundle of eight babies she is carrying, conceived with the aid of fertility drugs. They include Cutie, Chas, Devlin and Buster.

But as she glowed with maternal pride, the octuplets have emerged as one of the greatest ethical tests of man-made science over nature. If doctors are going to play God, whom do they decide to bestow their scientific miracles upon?

The spotlight has fallen on Ms Allwood, from Solihull in the West Midlands; her partner, Paul Hudson, on £47 benefits a week since his lettings business collapsed; his mistress and her two sons whom he fathered;

No rigid rules or legal restric-

tions cover the type of infertil-

ity treatment Mandy Allwood appears to have received, med-

ical organisations said yester-

day - the decision over who

should be treated lying with in-

dividual infertility specialists.

Embryology Authority's rules

cover only IVF and related treat-

ments and sperm donation, not

the more routine use of fertili-

ty drugs simply to stimulate the

practice lays emphasis on the

welfare of the child but does not

rule out the treatment of single

women, stressing bowever that

a woman's husband or partner

will be the legal father.

NICHOLAS TIMMINS

Public Policy Editor



In the spotlight: Mandy Allwood and Paul Hudson flee from a restaurant as interest grown in their story, told for a price the "News of the World" (top left)

Photograph: Tim Merry

by whom she has a five-year-old son, Charles; and a trail of other complex domestic

In the midst of it all, Ms Allwood, the latest client of the PR guru Max Clifford who is negotiating deals with the media for her and Mr Hudson worth up to £1m over two years, declared: "I am the happiest woman in the world."

In a scenario as potentially

tragic and farcical as a Mike Leigh film, the story of how the octuplets were conceived began at Liberty's night-club in the West Midlands. There Ms Allwood and Mr Hudson, 37, went on their first date after they met when she was a general manager with General Accident Property Services near Solihull.

Ms Allwood was still married

Treatment free of restrictions

cil would only act in cases of

serious professional miscon-

duct and the British Medical

Association yesterday declined

to become involved, stating

that any question of guidelines

was a matter for the Royal Col-

lege of Obstetricians and

drugs "should be restricted to

appropriately investigated cou-ples" and that "welfare of any

resulting child from the treat-

ment and of other existing chil-

John Friend, a vice-president of the college, said: "We think

couples should be counselled to-

gether and made aware of all

the possible problems that mul-

tiple pregnancies can produce

The RCOG's guidelines state

plastering business. She was in charge of lettings for General Accident, including the renting out of several of Mr Hudson's flats. The couple say they did not take to each other on the first meeting but he admired her

He asked her to work for his business, Litchfield Estates in Erdington, Birmingham. She was given a £1,000-a-month salary and a company BMW, and romance began to surface.

In 1994 she divorced Mr Pugh after eight years of marriage. The year before she had had an abortion after being treated with drugs following a car crash. Mr Pugh now lives with his childhood sweetheart in Shirley in the West Midlands. He intends to seek custody of

But he told BBC Radio's

World at One that the college

"is not in the business of dis-

ciplining. We are trying to in-

crease and raise standards all

the time, but they are guidelines

particular situations where

they are not applicable ... but

we hope our fellows and mem-

bers have read them and do use

he understood that Ms Allwood

had been advised not to con-

Mr Friend said however that

Ms Edwards went on a holiday to Blackpool with Mr Hudson and their children two weeks ago, shortly after he discovered Ms Allwood was pregnant. Mr Hudson explained that he was a "free spirit" and ovulation is taking place. It Ms Allwood explained that she would be unusual not to have the male partner involved at accepted the arrangement.

mas Eve.

"Maria is not going to go away and I'm not going to stop Paul from seeing her, so I may as well accept it," she said. "We're both fiercely independent and that is one of the things that attracted me to Paul in the

Mr Hudson said: "I'll never desert Maria or Mandy. But I couldn't live with either of them. I'm too in love with life to do anything else. I don't believe that makes me a bad dad. My kids are my life, my number one priority ... I'm determined to support them, no matter how many babies survive

I'll be there for them."



Babe in arms: Mandy cradles her son Charles, now aged 5, by Simon Pugh, who she divorced two years ago

fertility drug or that she had reportedly ignored doctors' advice not to have sex at a critical time in the treatment. He asked her to consider an abortion before

they discovered she was carrying eight babies. Ms Aliwood's father, from whom she is partially estranged, was surprised by the arrange-

electrician, said: "I have been wood had taken two doses of a to her home only once, several months ago, and I cannot even remember which road it's on." In the meantime, Mr Hud-

son has adapted to his new role as the father of eight unborn children, and the couple, who are staying at a secret address, are coping with the me-dia attention well. Mr Hudson said: "Our eight babies were

as a shock for Mr Hudson. He ment. Brian Allwood, 60, an obviously meant to be." Paul's lifestyle and Paul is totally They are also relaxed about their life and times unfolding for all to see, according to Mr Clifford. "They were totally aware of what was going to happen in the media, ex-boyfriends, ex-girlfriends - they're not shocked," he said "They have been very open about the whole

aware of Mandy's lifestyle. He added: "Mandy just wants to do what is best for the babies now. But if she can have cight healthy children, that's what she wants to do. The most important thing is the health of the babies and the health of Mandy. It's not a question of having thing. We sat down and talked it all through in Wimbledon village. Mandy is totally aware of eight habies at all costs, it's a question of if she can have eight healthy children she will."

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Election battles: Tories attack Blair as Fabians target the monarchy Why voters won't believe that Labour is led by a demon

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

"What do the Tories do next?" one of Labour's most hard-bitten spin-doctors asked yesterday. "Are they going to suggest that Blair eats babies for breakfast? It is absurd; Blair as the devil incarnate does not wash, and it will not work."

But all the signs are that the Conservative campaign to demonise Tony Blair is an act of desperation. As such, it will be maintained simply because the Tories have no other weapon in the armoury.

The daunting nature of the

Tory task - to convince the voters that they have more to fear from Labour than they have from the re-election of John Major - was illustrated by the re-

sults of a Gallup poll, buried in yesterday's Daily Telegraph. At the latest count, Gallup's average fear factor of a fifth

might rise sharply. However, that concern was put into context by the 10 concerns of voters about the Tories which scored fear ratings of between 54 and 83 per cent, including three-quarters of those questioned who felt that even

the bill admirably," he said.

something of an embarrassment

in a modern age, not least be-

cause of the dirge-like tune," he

Tory term was 66 per cent,

for Labour. The highest level of

public concern about Labour

was 52 per cent; a bare major-

ity who thought that inflation

pared with just 36.5 per cent

in 1979 the Tories targeted issues; now its people if another Conservative government did deliver tax cuts, "people might have to pay more towards things like health care, pensions and education".

On the basis of Gallup's findings, the negative Tory campaign warning of New Labour, New Danger appears to have made little or no impact whatsoever.

That result would coincide with the fashionable view that negative campaigning does not work. But it certainly appeared

to work against Neil Kinnock in the last election campaign, when Conservative campaign managers geared everything they did to "tax and Kinnock". But while the attacks on Mr

Kinnock's policy changes, and his "unreliability", worked with the grain of public feeling about the man, there are no such fears about Mr Blair, the Tories are try-ing to create fears where few exist. There is little new in that: they turned Mr Kinnock into a bogeyman, and they frightened the children with Tony Benn during the Eighties. In the 1951 election campaign, they harped on the threat posed by Ancurin Bevan as an evil dictator ready to take

over from Clement Attlee. But there is no germ of elec-toral fear about Blair, as there was about Bevan, Benn and Kinnock. The Tories are relying on the voters' gullibility. It is a measure of their desperation that there is nothing else left.

'Dirge-like' anthem hitting the wrong note CLARE GARNER

If the Fabian Society has its

way, Britain will kiss goodbye to the "dirge-like tune" that is its national anthem and march into the next century singing a stirring song by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Paul Richards, author of the left-wing think tank's controversial document Long to Reign Over Us?, has called for a Eu-

rovision Song Contest-style event to pick alternatives. "God Save the Queen", which "doesn't mention Britain, or even England once", is "more about hashing the Scots than anything else," he said. said. "For a start it is an English by idea". "He's a monarchist, The prospective Labour cansong, not Welsh or Scottish or he's very loyal to the Queen and

Northern Irish. Scotland and didate for Billericay and member of the Fabian Society Exec-Wales have their own anthems utive Committee wants a new 'Flower of Scotland' and 'Men of "exultation of nationhood" with Harlech', both robust celebrawords by the Poet Laureate, Ted tions of slaughtering the English." Hughes, and music by Lloyd Webber, to be commissioned to The situation really hit home during Euro 96 when "a lot of

mark the millennium. He also people" were embarrassed "that suggests the English should have a separate anthem - "Patriotic we didn't have a good, strong song with which to support our side other than Football's Comhymns such as I vow to thee my country' or 'Jerusalem' would fit ing Home", he said. "Britain's national anthem is

Lloyd Webber was not inclined to tinker with the national tune. His spokesman, Shimon Cohen, said he had "no interest whatsoever" in the "very sil-

has no complaint whatsoever with 'God Save The Queen'." A senior Labour Party spokesman called the suggestion that the national unthem may chauge "sheer fantasy". And Ted Hugh-

es declined to comment at all. The constitutional expert Vernon Bogdanor felt that a little fine-tuning was all that was needed. "The one I like best is the Benjamin Britten orchestration," he said. The Tory peer and novelist Jeffrey Archer said he would be loath to change the present anthem. Having heard the recent Russian and Aus-

Ospreys take to the air in Rutland

tering in West Africa. The local wildlife trust and Anglian

Water built artificial nests in the hope of persuading them to stay, but in vain. In a fur-

ther attempt to establish the

birds, seven chicks were tak-

en from nests near Inverness

last month, with the permission of Scottish Natural Heritage, and brought to Rutland.

of these has been found dead.

After nervous starts, the oth-

er four flying birds have been

learning to fish, diving at high

speed into the water.

Five of the birds have tak-

NICHOLAS SCHOON

Environment Correspondent

Five young ospreys have been released at Rutland Water,

Leicestershire, one of Britain's biggest reservoirs, in the hope

that the rare fish-cating eagles

Ospreys have not raised any young in England since 1842, due to persecution by

man. They began to nest in

Scotland after a long absence in 1954, and the population

north of the border now stands

A few young hirds have vis-

ited Rutland Water on their

at 100 breeding pairs.

will begin breeding there.



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Home to roost: Two of the seven ospreys which were relocated to Rutland Water from Inverness last month; and (top right) waiting to fly £20m pay and perks for water bosses

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

The "shameless greed" of wademned by Labour spokesman Frank Dobson yesterday, after he had exposed details of a new £20m pay and perks package for the industry's directors.

The Labour analysis of the pay and perks awarded to 95 directors of 10 water companies values them at £20,084,084, when the value of executive share options and new, longterm incentive plans are added to total salaries for 1995-96.

Away in the lead are the 18 directors of two companies, Southern and United Utilities, who share a total package worth almost £7m.

Labour estimates that William Courtney, the executive chairman of Southern - who ceases to be a director at the end of the year, following the takeover of Southern by Scottish Power - is currently on a pay and perks package worth more than £1m.

A valuation of £954,905 is put on the pay and perks of Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman of United Utilities, who is one of numerous water bosses to be put into a long-term incentive

plan.
In Sir Desmond's case, the plan offers him the prospect of 87.5 per cent of basic salary which works out at £223,650 – on delivery of certain conditions. Sir Desmond is also on a shortterm incentive plan, offering him a further annual payment of 40 per cent of basic salary, or £102,240.

Mr Dobson said yesterday: The water company bosses

Mermaids Explained

By Christopher Reid

As he read the reports,

were dugongs or dolphins.

Their tresses were garlands

of sea vegetation, or the billows they made

as they swam far off.

And what of the songs that could full and lure

A tinninis compounded of wind and birds cries

and something on the brain too wicked to think about.

impetuous mariners to their downfall?

he saw at once that all the mermaids

have no shame. After public criticism discredited the share options they awarded themselves previously, they've come

gives them even more money.
"On top of the now customary high level of pay and perks, they are setting up a new scam -long-term incentive plans - to give themselves new bonuses if they hit targets they have set

The Labour frontbencher said that in most cases, targets were about financial perfor-mance and had little to do with customer satisfaction - and nothing whatsoever to do with the companies' pollution

Mr Dobson's calculations also excluded proposed long-term incentive plans that have not yet been introduced by Yorkshire and South West Water and, following the French takeover of Northumbrian Water, that company will not even disclose whether it has a

bonus scheme at all.

"All this shows that the water industry, recklessly privatised by the Tory Government, is going from bad to worse."

He said that not only were the industry bosses require them. industry bosses paying them-selves more and more, but useful staff were being laid off, companies were making record profits and pay almost no tax because of the terms of the pri-

Companies were being fined for polluting the environment, the public was being pressured into accepting water meters and ministers were pro-grammed to defend all the excesses of the water industry leaders. Mr Dobson added.

vatisation deal.

DAILY POEM

Christopher Reid has been Poetry Editor at Faber & Faber Since 1991, but is a published poet in his own right. Arcacia since 1991, but is a published poet in his own right. Arcacia was published in 1979, followed by Pea Soup in 1982. Since was published in 1979, followed by Pea Soup in 1982. Since was published have been three collections for Faber – Katerina then, there have been Tunnel and Expanded Universes, published early next month, and from which this poem is taken, lished early next month, and from which this poem is taken. He has been awarded a Cholmondeley Award by the Society He has been awarded a Cholmondeley Award by the Society of Authors for his contribution to poetry.

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First round to Springsteen in battle over Seventies CD

Springsteen, the American rock of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, tar, and a British music company went to the High Court songs under the title Unearthed vesterday, where a judge re- and promote them as an luscul to strike out the action in historic collection of the star's which the singer is attempting work at the outset of his career. to prevent early recordings he

ternational, based in Bristol, The battle between Bruce and director Robert Tringham,

are unauthorised. The songs with Mr Springsteen when he dustry," he said. "It has tried to years. Many back-catalogues that increases in value with

postponed.

However, Flute International and Mr Tringham believe that they bought the songs legitimately from a USbased company, which had ac-Mr Springsteen has issued a quired them from the

Tony Morris, solicitor for Flute and Mr Tringham, and who is a specialist in the music industry, denied the allegations sponsible company, with respected and established rock stars has become increasmiddle in the Seventies being writ saying that the recordings producer of the music, who was directors from the music in ingly contentions in recent

through the courts to do that."
He added: "It's not a question of piracy. My clients have

tried to do this the right way." The issue of who owns copyright for early recordings by

ten vague. In the rest of Europe, the law has been streamlined only recently.

Mr Morris said: "Tve got Jimi Hendrix cases dating back 15 years. And for every band breaking through now, they'll have done something in the past

The company, Flute Inthe based in Bristol, and director Robert Tringham, of the album has been and 1972.

The company, Flute Inthe based in Bristol, and director Robert Tringham, of the album has been and 1972.

The company, Flute Inthe based in Bristol, and Cover music from the Fifties, is continuing to do so, even is continuing to do so, even though now they have to go when music contracts were ofthough now they have to go when music contracts were of-What happens to a tape they might have made in a studio a decade ago, that someone

The company had hoped to sell between 200,000 and 300,000 copies of the Springsteen album in Europe, and it was due for release in Britain

has been put on the distribution of Uncurtited in Germany.

gade Liam?

Mr Springsteen has assued a High Court writ against Flute and Mr Tringham for plantages over the proposed CD. He is also seeking injunctions restraining them from copying or selling any of the 16 tongs on





From Othello to the Minstrels: Jeremy Irons faces a choice which can never be simply black or white

CHARLIE BAIN and DAVID LISTER

The actors' union, Equity, last night called on the producers of a new film about the founder of Pakistan to "search as widely as possible" for an Asian performer to play the role of Mohammed Ali Jinnah, following the disclosure that the British actor Jeremy Irons had been ap-

proached to play the part. ... The move to cast the 47-yearold actor in the role of Jinnah, nation, caused consternation among Asian and Afro-Caribbean actors, who disagreed with him "blacking-up"

If Irons were to accept the part, it would revive the debate over whether it is politically permissible for white actors to black up, while black actors find

it desperately hard to get work. While Laurence Olivier put on coatings of black make-up to play Othello at the National Theatre, and the Black and White Minstrel Show appeared weekly on television in the ear-

ly Sixties, sensitivities are now far more acute. Sir Alec Guinness suffered critical derision when he blacked up for David Lean's film of A Passage To India, and American Equity tried, albeit unsuccessfully, to ban the British actor Jonathan Pryce from playing a Vietnamese spiv in the Broadway production of Miss Saigon, when there were Asian actors available to play

The prevailing climate against blacking-up has caused llo is tat formed at the National Theatre or Royal Shakespeare Company, and white actors are unable to perform one of the greatest tragic roles in the English language. But the heads of those two companies see this as a small sacrifice compared to the insuit to black actors and black audiences of seeing a white

man put on black make-up. The Jinna project has been undertaken by Professor Akbar Ahmed, a fellow of Selwyn College, Cambridge who sees Irons as ideal for the part. Yesterday, Ian McGarry, Eq-

uity's general secretary, said that the union disagreed that such a high-profile Asian role should go to a white actor. "Equity's policy is advisory on the entertainment industry and means that we would expect the producer of this film to have searched as widely as possible for an Asian performer to play the role of Mohammed Ali Jinnah," he said.

We do not know whether Jeremy Irons has accepted this role, but in any event, we do not to read it. the Muslim revered by Pak- its own problems. Shake- believe that this proposed castmade under "limited and exceptional circumstances".

Professor Ahmed, who is coproducing and co-scripting the film, defended his position yesterday, saying that the casting of Irons in the role was to help the non-Pakistani community to "understand what a great man Jinnah was" and to boost the selfimage of the Pakistani commu-nity in Britain. He said: "Jinnah gives me, as a Pakistani, a sense of identity, territory and, above all, a sense of destiny because he created a Muslim nation which does not exist in history.

the role and if he takes it, it will do a great deal of good for the self image of the Pakistan community in Britain.

"By seeing a British actor in the role, it will help the non-Pakistani community to see where we came from and what we're all about."

The script of Jinnah has been sent to Irons, but his agents, Hutton management, were unsure if the actor had had time

We know he has got the terday. "But as far as we know he hasn't had a chance to read it because he has only just got back from holiday.

The film, due for release next year, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of Indian and Pakistani independence, is due to be shot in Karachi, Lahore, Delhi and Bombay. It is understood that a number of British, American, Pakistani and Arab investors have shown interest in putting up the £2m needed for the making of the film, but only if a well-known international star takes the lead role.





Famous faces: Sir Alec Guinness blacked up for 'A Passage To India' and the singer Al Jolson

Edinburgh Festival: 'Out of chaos comes innovation' - stand-up comics, cabaret, opera, ballet, and Jimmy Boyle's sculpture

Let the rich cultural mix mushroom unhindered

Professor George Steiner is one of the most distinguished philosophers and literary critics in the world.

But has he, I wonder, sauntered down Edinburgh's George Street at midnight bent on cramming in a late-night feminist comedy cabaret to supplement the Croatian version of Gilbert and Sullivan and the student Hamlet with, literally, two men and a dog that would have been on offer Carlier in a typical evening. Until one has such a night,

one can never appreciate the real "relevance" of the Edinhurgh Festival.

Relevance was a word that figured strongly in the inaugural Edinburgh University Festival Lecture delivered last Sunday by Professor Steiner. He argued that the festival

must re-evaluate its relevance or face decline, urging that more space should be given to the sciences and for allowing the public into rehearsals and a more disciplined and focused programme overall.

To know when to stop," he

said, "is a rare but vivid mark of honesty within excellence."

Not necessarily. At least not in Edinburgh in August. The Edinburgh fringe, in particular, and the official festival to a lesser extent, is something a scientist should cherish. It is a study in experimentation. Make it smaller and you risk losing future cultural treasures.

Where should you draw the ence smaller than the cast.

Professor Steiner argued at Sunday's lecture that the arts feast was overgrown. **David Lister** says it can never be too big

line? Do you restrict the number of student companies and risk losing a Beyond The Fringe team or an unwieldy but innovative revue, featuring students called Emma Thompson and Stephen Fry?
Do you allow the students in

but restrict the number of unknown, struggling fringe outfits and maybe lose a company like Kick Theatre, which produced the now internationally celebrated theatre director Deborah Warner?

Do you say, as many have done in recent years, that there is too much stand-up comedy and chance losing late-night cult figures such as Jack Dee, Jenny Eclair, Mark Thomas and Eddie Izzard, all now national television favourites?

Out of chaos comes innovation, ideas and occasional stardom. Edinburgh is, perhaps uniquely in the arts, an in-stant test of market forces. Word of mouth soreads with astonishing rapidity, new talents are discovered and the lesser talents learn the consummate skills of entertaining an audi-

To reduce the Edinburgh mix is to ignore the needs of the Edinburgh consumer. Visitors to the official festival are stand-up comedy the rest of the year - never, indeed, see fringe theatre. The festival gives them their one chance to sample at random the underside of British culture, just as students up for the late-night comic turns might see their first opera and ballet in Edinburgh.

That science plays little or no part in this eclectic cultural mix does not really seem a contradiction, especially as the city hosts a science festival in March, and it is hard to see how science could be best appreciated in the context of theatrically based live shows.

Professor Steiner's urging that the festival should invite audiences into rehearsals to see how art is actually shaped has more appeal. Workshops are widely available at the television festival which starts next week, but are virtually non-existent at the main arts events.

Brian McMaster, director of the Edinburgh Festival, and his counterparts on the fringe. could take note of that sugges-tion at least. But that aside, the festival and its fringe should be allowed to mushroom as much as its market of tourists and arts iunkies allows. The moment that visitors and performers stop having a good time is the moment that it will shrink of its



Homage to the Gorbals: Jimmy Boyle shows off his sculptures Photograph: Geraint Lewis

Boyle moulds taut tribute to human spirit

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

There is an endearing awkwardness about Jimmy Boyle. convicted murderer turned acclaimed sculptor and wine connoisseur. Here is a man who has achieved riches beyond an excon's wildest dreams, with his Rolls-Royce, second house in France, best-selling autobiog-raphy, and soon to be published first novel

Yet his late success has not brought vanity. Boyle, 52, is standing in front of his new sculptures, homage to his dark and violent past in the Gorbals. which form part of his first Ed-inburgh exhibition for 22 years. and his first in Britain since 1984. In Praise of the Human Spirit at the Demarco European Art Foundation blends humour and suffering in its muscular, taut depictions of people Boyle knew from those early days.

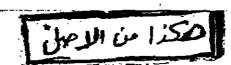
The most moving bronze, Towerblock, shows a man fighting to free himself from bricks that surround him to the waist. It echoes Boyle's own struggle, but hints at the reality for most of his contemporaries.

The exhibition springs out of the fateful meeting between Boyle and an artist sent into the experimental special unit at Barlinnie prison, where he ended up after being jailed for murder, and subsequently charged with the attempted murder of six prison officers following a 1973 jail riot.

"I'd been in solitary con-finement for six and a half years and I was put into the special unit. We wanted neutral people brought in to make sure there was no dirty work -we al ways felt there was a lot of brutality - so they brought in this woman. We hadn't seen a woman for years, so you can imagine what the screws were saying: 'You can't allow this, they'll rape her'. Meanwhile, we were getting our shirts pressed and our hair combed and saying to each other. 'Don't swear or she'll not come back.' She brought in 7lbs of clay and it was like a dam broke. I did a bust immediately of one of the other prisoners.

It was a revelation. Fourteen years after Boyle emerged from prison, his sculpture has won him an international reputation. These days, his limited edition bronzes sell for up to £9,500.

But he has not forgotten his past. He has set up a trust to help up to 1,000 deprived children a year, and before that, founded the Gateway Exchange in Edinburgh as an advice and campaigning unit for young people at risk. His own son. James, a heroin addict, was stabbed to death two years ago.



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Grade I row: Plan to build new set for Emmerdale Farm at ancestral home sparks fears over damage to the environment



Earl's TV soap upsets ramblers

NIGEL BURNHAM

Conservationists are angry over plans by the Earl of Harewood to allow a television company to build a replica of the set featured in its popular soap opera Emmerdale on his 4,000-acre estate near Leeds.

Yorkshire TV (YTV) has applied for temporary consent to construct a 26-building repli-ca of the set in artificial stone and plywood on a 12-acre site about a mile south of Harewood House, the Queen's cousin's magnificent ancestral home.

Although the site is outside Harewood House's Grade I registered parkland, landscaped by Capability Brown, it is none the less in a Special Landscape Area within the green belt, and protesters, led by the Ramblers' Association, fear the scheme would have damaging environmental consequences.

The plan, which would involve the building of new versions of Emmerdale landmarks, like the Woolpack public house, as well as the restoration of some redundant Grade II listed

it would not stand a cat-in-hell's

chance if it were to be a real village'

cottages and farm buildings, could provide YTV with its exterior set for the next ten years.

If it is approved, insiders believe the deal, yet to be finalised between YTV and Harewood House, could be worth £2m to the Earl, who has a long association with the arts world, and is a former chairman of the English National Opera.

The Earl has allowed YTV to film on his land for more than 25 years, and it has been used as the backdrop to series such as Heartheat and A Touch of Frost as well as Emmerdale.

The opposition to the plan is being led by the Ramblers' Association which has already lodged an objection with Leeds City Council, due to consider the scheme later this month. It has also appealed to John Gummer, the Secretary of State for the Environment, to call in the application for a public inquiry. Frank Reynolds, chairman of the West Riding Ramblers'

Association, described the adverse affects on the environ-proposal as "horrific". He said: ment and public rights of way."

LOUISE JURY

"If this were a fully habitable vilage or a commercial or industrial scheme on the same scale it would be rejected out of

hand ... Yet an industrial scheme is exactly what it is." The Ramblers' Association says that Harewood has promised that the set will not become a real-life village after YTV has finished with it.

Clive Fox, spokesman for the local branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, which is also objecting to the scheme, said: "This is a straightforward commercial venture which would not stand a cat-in-hell's chance of being approved in a green belt if it was going to be a real village.

"It would be a huge intrusion here, and ... adversely affect what is a delightfully tranquil pastoral setting. The whole ambiance of a large area of green belt - which should be sacrosanct - would be seriously jeopardised." He said it would be "naive" to think the village would go away after ten years. Christopher Ussher, resident

agent for Harewood House. dismissed the objections, describing the site of the proposed village as "ordinary farmland"

"We have chosen this location precisely because there will be minimal environmental im-pact", he said, adding that Harewood believed the scheme to be well thought out and "fan-tastic for rural jobs, [bringing] all sorts of other benefits to the local community".

Mr Ussher rejected the ram-

blers' claims that the scheme would affect public access to the area. "The site is not on a pub-lic right of way", he said. "Ac-cess would be via a private farm road we've offered to YTV. There will be shared use of about 200 metres of one public right of way but vehicle movements will be strictly limited. We are only talking about temporary consent ... after which the set will be returned

to a green-field site." A spokesman for Yorkshire TV, which has filmed Emmerdale at Esholt, near Bradford, for the past 10 years, occasionally visiting Harewood for location shooting, said yesterday: "We ... need to move to cope with broadcasting three episodes of Emmerdale a week from next year. We think the Harewood House estate site ... could be achieved without any adverse affects on the environ-





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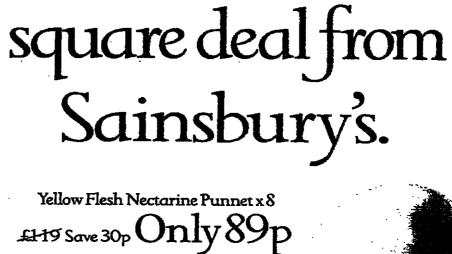
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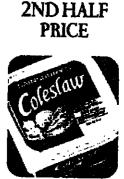
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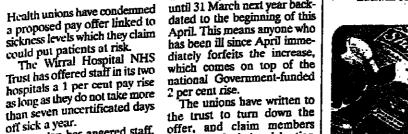
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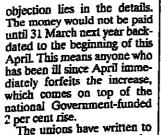


The plan has angered staff. Norman Robinson, branch secif it goes to ballot. retary for the health workers' union Unison, said: "A hospital is not the healthiest place to work to start with ... We have staff shortages and, following reorganisation, far more stressrelated illness than I've ever known before ... It's not going to be wise for people to come in feeling under par. It could be

Health unions

condemn offer

dangerous."
Martin Holt, the Royal College of Nursing's lead steward in the negotiations, said: "I've been constantly stopped in the corridors by people saying how ridiculous this loffer] is." Although the offer has been



the trust to turn down the offer, and claim members would vote for industrial action

Frank Burns, the Wirral Hospital Trust chief executive, said the overall 3 per cent offer was one of the most generous in the region. "I have no doubt that we will have a robust negotiation and eventually reach a settlement that will be acceptable to all concerned," he said.

In a letter to staff, Graham Hewitt, human resources director at the trust, said the offer was linked to sickness absence rates because the trust had been "concerned" about them for some years. The absences cost the trust more than £2m a year.



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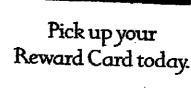
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Cuba wishes happy birthday to the aging maximum leader

Latin America Correspondent

When 32-year-old lawyer-cumrevolutionary Fidel Castro gave his first victory speech in Havana in January 1959, a white dove circled the podium. mesmerising all except the speaker. It landed on Castro's left shoulder, sparking shouts of

mostly followers of the voodoolike African-rooted Santeria religion, it was an omen. In Santeria, the dove is a symbol of the Son of God. "Fide is an elegido [Chosen One]," a Babalao, or Santeria priest, said later. "He has a mandate from God."

Seventy today, Castro is the last, stubborn remnant of communism in the western hemisphere. The beard is still there, To the superstitious Cubans, though grey. The belt has had

to be loosened on his olive uniform tunic but the back is still straight. The voice tends to tremble but the words have not changed, "Socialism or Death!" he still tells his audience.

"Dying doesn't figure in my immediate plans," he told the U.N. at its own birthday party. its 50th, in New York last year. "Fidel will not die!" shout his supporters whenever he speaks. During more than 37 years in

power, he has seen eight U.S. to name his most dangerous presidents come and go. But can go on for ever?

He is in visibly poor health, a big decline since I last saw him in October," said Dan Rather, CBS's TV anchorman, who recently filmed a documentary on Castro. He was feeble when he took steps. He conserves his

He also retains a sense of humour. When Rather asked him out, destroying his image.

moments, he said they were the CIA's plots to kill him - "with the possible exception of flying

Castro is estimated to have survived 33 assassination attempts. The CIA's included a plan to make him smoke an exploding cigar and the "Samson Scheme" an attempt to slip him a poison that would make his beard fall

larly since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Cuba's long-time protector. The island has since

with rationing of basic goods. In his last major speech, on 26 July, el Jefe Maximo (the Biggest Chief) claimed the economy was recovering, citing a growth rate of 9.6. per cent. and to appreciate the social

That image has been battered by economic disaster, particumy to a certain degree, allowing small businesses and the legal holding of US dollars.

With the communist party been in a "Special Period," an economic state of emergency still the only one permitted, however, and with dissidence of ten punished by jail terms, it is hard to gauge his popularity. Castro appears to retain support among those old enough to remember the Batista dictatorship

changes he brought about. The younger generation tends to be more openly critical and in favour of change.

Aware of that sentiment. Castro has delegated more responsibility to younger men such as economics tsar Carlos Lage and Roberto Robaina, Foreign Minister. Both are tipped as possible successors should Castro step down but few Cubans expect him to do so.

Kremlin blamed by Lebed for bloodshed

HELEN WOMACK Moscow

President Boris Yeltsin's new envoy to Chechnya, Alexander Lebed, yesterday returned from a lightning visit to the edge of the war zone full of criticism for the Russian authorities and their handling of the rebellious Caucasian region.

During his trip, he had talks with the moderate Chechen field commander, Aslan Maskhadov, as a result of which Russian and Chechen officers were vesterday in telephone contact with each other in an attempt to arrange a ceasefire in and around Grozny. But the internal fighting may only just be starting in the Kremlin after General Lebed's savage criticism of the Russian government and its representatives in



A new system for dealing with Chechnya needed to be worked out, he said, suggesting that the Security Council, which he chairs, should start to work on the problem on a permanent basis. He was critical of the existing State Commission for Chechnya, headed by the Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, and suggested that he should deal only with economic aspects

of policy towards the region. General Lebed, co-opted onto the Kremlin team as head of national security after doing well in the first round of the presidential election, and still enjoying a reputation as "Mr Clean", accused Moscow's pup-pet government in Grozny of corruption and of fuelling the war in the interests of its own survival. Money from the federal budget was being chan-nelled to the rebels "through commercial banks with the tacit consent of the Chechen gov-

ernment," he said. The government in Moscow lacked objective information about Chechnya. "A torrent of lies is coming from Chechnya, especially from the Chechen leader, Doku Zavgayev," he said, referring to the head of the

President Yeltsin's former envoy to Chechnya, Oleg Lobov, who was sacked on Saturday af-



crisis, a deputy to Mr Lobov was sunning himself on holiday in Cyprus, General Lebed said. During his short trip to

Chechnya, General Lebed visited Russian troops serving in the area and was appalled. Conscripts at federal checkpoints were "half-starved, lousy and undressed," he said.

"These weakened men can He also attacked the team of hardly represent the interior ministry or the defence ministry. Partisans in the Second World War were dressed better than gion which ruined the "I had a feeling things were far President's inauguration celebrations. In the middle of the they were as bad as this."

"I had a feeling things were far Maskhadov and the other Mustrastan, which is another impose a state of emergency. One of a series of unsolved Muslim region of Russia.

On the ground, battles contended to rage yesterday for the this summer.

The root of the Chechen problem was in Moscow, he declared in a statement which likely to make him enemies in the Kremlin. He admitted that he was taking a risk by being so outspoken. There were people in power who wanted "Chechnya to be my undoing", he said. A joke currently doing the rounds among ordinary Russians says that Chechnya will

"swan", into a duck. By contrast, General Lebed

turn Lebed, whose name means

Stary Atagi, about 12 miles south of Grozny. A Russian television report said they had found "a common language on 95 per cent of the issues

According to General Lebed, Mr Maskhadov, who is more moderate than other Chechens on the issue of independence, had agreed that "Russia can live without Chechnya but Chechnya cannot live without Russia". The General said he got the impression that Mr Maskhadov would be satisfied with auton-

Maskhadov shared the view that Russia could crush Chechnya, but only by sacrificing thousands of lives, and that nobody needed such a victory. The two men agreed to try and achieve a ceasefire. Mr Maskhadov said that for a truce to work, it was a condition that Russia did not introduce a state of emergency in Chechnya, as politicians in Moscow have

been demanding since the latest upsurge in fighting. General al Lebed said Russia had

ing since Moscow first sent its tanks and troops to Chechnya in December 1994. The Russians were reported to have stopped their air attacks over the city but civilians had abandoned the streets to the army and the rebel gunmen. Near the southern Russian

city of Volgograd, a bomb ex-ploded on a packed train, killing a woman and injuring several other passengers. It was not clear whether Chechens or the fia were behind the attack

Police raid migrants' church protest

MARY DEJEVSKY Paris

Police raided the church of St Bernard in central Paris at dawn yesterday, to evict 300 mainly African and Maghrebian immigrants campaigning to be granted legal residence in France as the parents of French nationals. The immigrants had occupied the church on 28 June after being evicted from other premises in a protest that began in March.

The group included 10 people on protracted hunger strike, five of whom were detained in hospital after medical examination. A lawyer for the protesters said the police action was legally questionable and that those who wanted to return to the church should do so.

Daniel Vaillant, the Socialist mayor of the Paris district where the raid took place, said the government had to understand that "such a rough and contemptuous attitude would solve nothing". Last month, the Interior min-

ister, Jean-Louis Debré, signalled a softer line on illegal immigrants who were "foreign parents of French children" (illegal immigrants whose children were born in France and were French nationals), whose situation had attracted concern.

As the law stood, these parents had no right to remain in France and no entitlement to a work permit or benefits, but nor could they be expelled because they had legally resident French

Local authorities have been instructed to give such people "leave to remain" for one year the opportunity to regularise their position thereafter.

Yesterday's eviction came only days after Mr Debré announced tougher action on illegal immigration, including the creation of a central body to co-ordinate information and action. He also said that the number of "deportation charters" - special flights repatriating illegal immigrants - would be increased from two to three

a month for the rest of this year. Since 1993, place of birth has not automatically entitled a person to French citizenship, and children born to illegal immigrants after this date can be deported with their parents. People in this category were at the centre of the St Bernard protest, and are demanding that the group be dealt with as a whole, rather than "case by case", as the government insists.

Surgeon's hope does not fail in Grozny's last hospital

CARLOTTA GALL

There is only one working hospital left in the war-torn city. Hospital No 3, a ramshackle building with no running water and only a skeleton staff. It lies on the north-west edge

of the city. The shelling is sporadic compared to the centre of is constant. But people bringing run a gauntlet of bullets from nearby Russian posts, and shells pitched from tank positions on the hills opposite.

The chief surgeon, Mikhail Davidov, arrived in a truck with medical supplies just after several loud explosions shook the windows of his hospital, shattering those of one building. One, called a "cassette bomb", floated down on a para-

the hospital.

chute before bursting in the air, throwing out small metal bombs which exploded only 100m from

surprise: "We worked through the war from 1994 under this sort of shelling. While we have electricity, we can continue operations. There is a Latin saying that goes, While I live, I hope. If I did not hope, I

would have left long ago."
He looked out of the window with a blank stare. Heavier shelling was pounding apartment buildings 500m away, puffs of smoke rising as the mis-siles hit their targets. He still had

Mr Davidov showed little a generator but no telephone or skull was shattered. There was urprise: "We worked through radio contact with the outside nothing to do, but she lived for world. Medical supplies were low and they were reduced to fetching water in drums from a kilometre away.

Almost 70 patients had passed through the hospital in six days of fighting, nurses said, including several children hit by sniper bullets. One girl, aged three, hit in the head by a sniper bullet while her family tried to flee the city in their car, was among them. "Her whole

12 hours," Mr Davidov said. Ruslan Aslakhanov, a thin 16-

year-old boy who looked much younger, was shot through the chest only inches from his heart. It was also a sniper from the nearby Russian post, he said. Several other patients had been shot while trying to flee the city in cars last week. Ruslan Sa-

work," the surgeon said. dayev, 20, was shot in the back and the foot, as he approached

Chechnya. You can see from the wounds, they want to kill civilians. The snipers sit up on the roofs. I feel rage when I see their

up. I asked them, 'Why did you

shoot?' They replied, 'Orders.

Shut up, or we'll set fire to you as well," Mr Sadayev said.

"Their aim is to kill Chechen

people, or anyone who lives in

"The soldiers came running arrived. "I am the only surgeon

Mr Davidov's immediate concern was how to cope if patients with worse injuries

here," he said. "If they brought in heavily wounded people, it would be really difficult. We do not have an anaesthetist and the nurses have been working round the clock for three days." A worker for the aid agency Médecins sans Frontières brought bad news from the city. All the big hospitals in the centre and south of Grozny were out of action. They had

been evacuated and had prob-

ably been destroyed.

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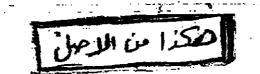
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out entering a Palestinian area. It is roads like this which are

changing the political geography of the West Bank, binding it irrevocably to Israel, Palestin-

ian cities, such as Hebron and

Nablus, far from becoming the centres of a Palestinian state, are

increasingly isolated by the new

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It was a Labour government which built most the new roads after signing the Oslo agreement in 1992. It said they would protect the existing settlements and give the Israeli army overall military control. The Palestinians always felt suspicious' about the large size of the new highways, which seemed designed to perpetuate Israel's control of the West Bank.
Mr Tourakji displays a map

dating from 1982 showing a new road system planned by the Israeli army, but never constructed. At the time it was called military order number 60. He says: "All they did for publicity purposes was to introduce the word bypass."

Bypasses are a key weapon in the drive to increase settlers, writes

firmly to Israel

Patrick Cockburn Benjamin Netanyahu, the new right-wing Prime Minister, says the bypass system is the only item of Labour policy of

which he wholly approves. With melancholy precision, Mr To-ufakji draws coloured lines on a map of the West Bank. They show new highways in vivid orange, those still planned in pale green and two new roads announced this month by Ariel Sharon, the Infrastructure Minister, in dark pink.

Khalil Toufakji, a Palestinian cartographer, has no doubt what the so-called bypass roads mean. "They will turn the West Palestinians are deeply wor-ned by leaked reports of gov-ernment plans to boost the Ramallah, Hebron and Qalqilya are being surrounded. 140,000 settlers already living in settlements like Efrat by 50,000.

On 2 August the cabinet ended the partial freeze on the expansion of settlements. But in many ways the bypass roads pose a more dangerous threat to Palestinians than a few more settlements. New roads make it more attractive for settlers to move to the West Bank. Mrs Harow, 35, a mother of seven who came to Efrat eight years ago from Los Angeles, says:
"When I see a Palestinian policeman I see a terrorist in uniform." A temporary bypass opened six months ago already allows her and other settlers in Efrat to avoid such sights by skirting the autonomous Palestinian enclave of Bethlehem.

As soon as he can find the time in his calendar, Mr Netanyahu is expected to open a more direct road to Jerusalem going through a tunnel under the Palestinian village of Beit Jalla. Local property prices in Efrat are responding. They rose by 10 per cent when Mr Netanyahu was elected on 29 May. One house in the settlement was sold two months ago for £330,000 and a small plot building land costs £66,000.

Throughout the West Bank bulldozers - and - mechanical grabs are at work, slicing open hillsides and cutting through ancient stone terraces. East of the Palestinian town of Ramallah an almost complete highway dwarfs the existing road linking Palestinian towns and villages. A Jewish settlement such as Elon More, with a population of few hundred, which overlooks

Nablus, where there are 120,000 people, will soon be connected to a better road system than its larger Palestinian neighbour.

Construction work on the roads has been carried out with almost frantic speed since last September, when Israel and

the PLO signed the second stage of the Oslo agreement. Palestinian negotiators, fo-cussing on increasing the size of pear to have underestimated th degree to which the bypass sys-tem would reinforce Israeli control of the West Bank.

Mrs Harow says Efrat has a population of 5,500. But she adds, ominously, that "its town plan is for an eventual population of 25,000."





SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Rescue workers continued searching for four people still missing yesterday after an overloaded fishing boat capsized in rough waters off the French coast during a summer festival on Sunday, leaving five dead. The 36ft fishing boat Essor was carrying some 40 people as part of the boat festival at La Cotinière, 325 miles south-west of Paris. A fifth body, that of a young girl, was found near the entrance to the port where surface vessels and divers combed the water. Rescue workers were looking for the Essor's fishing nets in the belief that bodies may have been caught in the nets and carried off, according to the Atlantic Regional Operations Centre for Surveillance and Rescue.

AP - La Countère

Three teenage girls who shocked Israel, by boasting about their admiration for Yitzhak Rabin's assassin, said they were sorry, and sent letters of apology to Rabin's widow. "Tam sorry about everything." said Merav Hazan. "I don't support Rabin's murder." she told the Yediot Ahronot newspaper. The girls, all aged 17, had gone to see Yigal Amir during his court-room appearances. Amir, 26, is serving a life sentence for killing the Prime Minister last November. In a television interview broadcast last week. November. In a television interview broadcast last week, the girls said they found Amir attractive. AP - Jerusalem

President Bill Clinton has declared victory in preventing a private mining company, Crown Butte Mines, from opening a major gold mine on the northern edge of the Yellowstone National Park. The plan had been condemned by environmentalists as a major threat to the area's ecosystem, and to the roaming patterns of the grizzly bear. Under the deal, Crown Butte will agree to abandon the controversial project in return for a free gift from the the controversial project in return for a free gift from the government of ore-bearing federal land with a value of up to \$65m (£42m). David Usborne - New York

the Pyrénées, rescue workers found two more bodies, bringing the number of people killed to 85. The bodies of a child and a woman, found some 12 miles from the camp site, were suspected to be those of the 7-year-old girl and 31-year-old woman for whom rescue workers were scarching. The bodies were pulled from the Gallego River about 3 miles downstream from a reservoir where rescuers had been focusing their efforts. AP - Biesens

melda Marcos, the former first lady of the Philippines, has filed a 100 million peso (£2.5m) libel suit against three employees of a business daily newspaper over a column which, she said, made her appear greedy. Mrs column which, she said, made her appear greedy. Mrs Marcos sued the columnist, Argee Guevara, and the publisher and managing editor of the independent publisher and paper over an article which appeared on Businessworld paper. Internessworth paper over an article which appeared on 10 November last year. In the column, Guevara described Mrs Marcos as the personification of evil, and called her election last year to the House of Representatives "a sickening sight". AP – Manila

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TWA riddle deepens as bomb doubts grow

DAVID USBORNE New York

The leading theory as to what might have caused Flight TWA 800 to plunge into the ocean off Long Island almost a month ago - the detonation of a bomb in the front cargo hold - has been thrown into serious doubt be-cause examination of all four containers in the area has shown no evidence of an incendiary blast.

The last of the large metal boxes into which passenger bags had been stowed was retrieved from the sea on Sunday and appeared to be essentially intact, if somewhat battered. James Kallstrom, the FBI agent in charge of the investi-

gation, conceded that all four containers "are basically unreinvestigators were drawn to the theory of a bomb placed in-

side one of the containers in

the front section of the aircraft had become detached in the accident and had fallen to the ocean first. They were also attracted by parallels with the downing of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, which was traced to a bomb in the front hold.

The mystery surrounding the loss of TWA 800 therefore appears to be deepening. Investigators are far from giving up on the idea that a bomb caused the explosion, but remain unable to rule out two other possibilities: that the plane was brought down by a missile or by a mechanical failure, such as a catastrophic deployment of the engine reverse thrusters in mid-

We have these three theories and they're all on the board," Mr Kallstrom admitted. "Until we know exactly what happened and which theory proves to be the case, they'll re- cer reported, attesting about the main there." Investigators still appear, however, to favour sabotage of some kind.

An Israeli newspaper, Maariv, reported yesterday that an FBI team is hoping to interview a Lebanese man in detention in Israel who was injured when a bomb he was making exploded prematurely in April.

Flaws in security measures at John F Kennedy airport are also coming under renewed scrutiny. These were graphically demonstrated by the findings of a local police officer investigating security arrangements a week after the crash. With a limited-access security

a commuter airline, the officer was able to penetrate any part of the airport he chose, including baggage sorting areas and

badge issued to ticket clerks of

"It was incredible," the offi-

access he gained to the aircraft themselves. "I suppose if I wanted to, I could have sat down in the pilot's seat and drove away with the thing."

Investigators in the TWA case, turning their attention away from the front cargo hold, are now questioning whether a bomb could have been placed in a food trolley or the carry-on baggage of a passenger that might have been stowed under a seat or in an overhead baggage compartment.

Interest is also being focused on the so-called centre wing fuel tank, a large tank area between the wings that was only partly filled when the plane took off. Parts of the tank already retrieved show signs of intense fire damage. If the fuel that was in the tank became warm enough to become vapour and something ignited it, it could have led

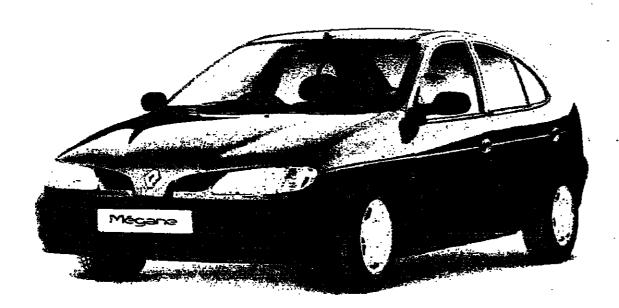


cools one of his charges at Warsaw Zoo, which does not have enough room for its two

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man quits Khmer Rouge STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

Pol Pot's top

Convicted and sentenced to death for mass murder, the Khmer Rouge leader, leng Sary, has defected from the infamous Cambodian guerrilla organisation and appears set to lead a new political party in elec-

tions scheduled for 1998. This bizarre state of affairs says far more about the nature of Cambodia's government than it does about Teng Sary, 07. who served as foreign minister to the genocidal Khmer Rouge government which ruled the country from 1975 to 1979.

killing some two million people. Last week, the government in Phnom Penh triumphantly announced leng Sary's defection. alongside a number of other senior Khmer Rouge officers. This was obliquely confirmed by the guerrilla forces whose radio station denounced him for embezzling £10m and described him as a traitor.

tion, the First Prime Minister. Prince Norodom Ranariddh, said that as the death penalty had been abolished, Icng Sary would have to be jailed. However Hun Sen, the Second Prime Minister, himself a former Khmer Rouge fighter. praised leng Sary for saving tens of thousands of lives by

defecting.
As ever, Hun Sen's warm welcome for Ieng Sary looks set to prevail over Prince Ranariddh's wishes. The Second Prime Minister is far more powerful than his supposed leader. He may also be seeking to form an alliance in the forthcoming elections to fight both the First Prime Minister's more popular party and the struggling, but highly popular, opposition par-ty led by Sam Rainsy, a former finance minister.

The mystery of Cambodian politics is that no one seems powerful enough to prevent the return of a mass murderer leng Sary: Sentenced to

deed, leng Sary's planned return is not even being seen in these terms, except by Sam Rainsy. who is just about keeping his head above water in the face of threats to outlaw him.

Some reports have mistakenly described leng Sary as "Brother No. 2", ranking him second in line to the intamous Pol Pot. However this is incorrect, although he was part of the Khmer Rouge core leadership and played a key role in luring intellectuals back to Cambodia after 1975 and in keeping an eye on King Sihanouk during his exile in China.

He is said to be a charismatie leader with an ability to charm, obscuring the ruthless streak which characterises the Khmer Rouge leadership, His defection provides yet more evidence that the guerrillas are seriously split, although reports of a division on the lines of hardliners and reconcilers seems wide of the mark. Much of the dissension in the ranks is over windfall from drugs trafficking and illegal gems trading.

leng Sary has yet to appear in public, but some fellow defectors have announced his political intentions. The government, in the shape of Ok Serei Sopheak, a senior interior ministry official, said "if it is the will of the people" leng Sary could



to the political mainstream. In- death for mass murder

Indonesia holds leading radical

JOE McDONALD

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - A fugitive radical accused of inciting riots last month has been the violence has risen to four, a spokesman for the Indonesian military said yesterday.

The armed forces spokesman Brigadier General Amir Syarifuddin said the government is deciding whether to charge Budiman Sujatmiko. 27, with subversion. The crime is punishable by death. Nine other people were ar-

rested also. Syarifuddin said. The government claims subversives were responsible for violence that erupted on July 27 after police raided the headquarters of an opposition party headed by pro-democracy leader Megawati Sukamoputri. Mr Budiman denied the allegations in a statement issued

last week from hiding, saying they were an excuse to crack down on pro-democracy forces. Opposition figures say that instead of being a leftist plot, the ter the riot.

riots were fuelled by popular nger at poverty, corruption and 🦸 official interference

Megawati's party. Suharto overthrew her father. arrested, and the death toll in President Sukarno, in 1966, and apparently is afraid her growing following could un-

dermine his regime. Budiman was arrested late on Sunday at a house in the Bekasi district on the outskirts of Jakarta with five other people. Syarifuddin said, including Petrus Harvanto, secretary general of Budiman's unauthorised Democratic People's Party. The party has fewer than 200 members, many of them student activists and other young people.

Four more people were arrested early on Monday, the general said.

Megawati, whose party is one of only three allowed under Suharto, was questioned by police on Friday and denied knowing anything about an alleged plot. She said she hadn't even heard of Budiman until af-

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Buchanan's bow-out gives Dole a boost

RUPERT CORNWELL Escondido, California

Helped by a grudging call for a truce from his longtime foe Pat Buchanan and an inspirational rallying cry from the Re-publican party's new hero Colin Powell. Bob Dole yesterday finally watched his bandwagon start to roll, as the San Diego convention opened its doors for serious business.

Rarely in American political history has such a gathering teen so minutely choreographed, and even before it sarted the first signs of the traitional convention "bounce" ere already showing - thanks ot least to the candidate's uniersally applauded choice of ack Kemp as his vice-presilential running mate.

Two polls yesterday suggest resident Clinton's previous 20-point lead had halved, with or without a run by Texas billionaire Ross Perot, whose new Reform Party is choosing its first presidential candidate this week. One poll, by CNN/USA Today, found a quarter of all voters "more likely" to support the Republicans now that Mr Kemp had joined the fray. "People are finally starting to pay attention," said Haley Barbour, the Republican party chairman.

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How long the surge lasts is anyone's guess. But from conservitive and liberal Republican alike the watchword was unity the fractious party being determined to seize full advanage from what amounts to a wek-long, free prime-time advertising slot to sell itself to votes. Virtually every wrinkle of assent has been ironed out, and now even Mr Buchanan, wh harried Mr Dole throughou the primary campaign, is

redy for peace of a sorts. Vir Buchanan's populist farrigt crusade for the nomination femally ended on Sunday eening in Escondido, 30 miles Mor 1,500 supporters, cheerig and chanting in the ditorium of the California Center for the Arts, ringed by Buchanan party," he said, hail- from Alzheimer's disease.

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police and fenced off like a top security military base. As gay and pro-immigrant demonstrators staged a noisy rally outside, the commentator and one-time Nixon and Reagan speech-writer made clear he

would not break from the Republican party, and asked for a "temporary truce, a truce of San Diego" to defeat the common enemy of Bill Clinton and

Reform Party enters the fray

Ross Perot and his nominal rival Dick Lamm took turns on Sunday night to shower scorn on the two major parties before a small but enthusiastic gatbering of Reform Party volumteers, writes Tim Cornwell in Longbeach.
About 2,000 people at the

Longbeach Convention Centre heard Mr Perot promise a better America and denounce Washington for running up a \$5,000 billion national debt. Mr Lamm, the former Col-

orado governor, accused President Clinton of fear-mongering over cuts in medical programmes for the elderly and called Republican Bob Dole's promise of tax cuts "pathetic and embarrassing".

Mr Lamm announced his bid for the presidential nomination six weeks ago, but Mr Perot is considered the favourite.

"Prince Albert" Gore. Tearful, his voice cracking with emotion, Mr Buchanan told his followers that while they had lost the battle, they were winning the war. America did noth of San Diego, at a gala ral-not need a third party: "Our ripodium, but before our eyes, the Republican party is become

ing the conservative language of the party platform on abortion, immigration and foreign policy, which the 1,990 convention delegates approved yesterday.

"The old order is passing away... One day the stone the builders rejected will become the cornerstone," Mr Buchanan insisted to shouts of "Go, Pat, Go" from an audience itching for the year 2000 and a chance to resume the struggle in the next presidential campaign.

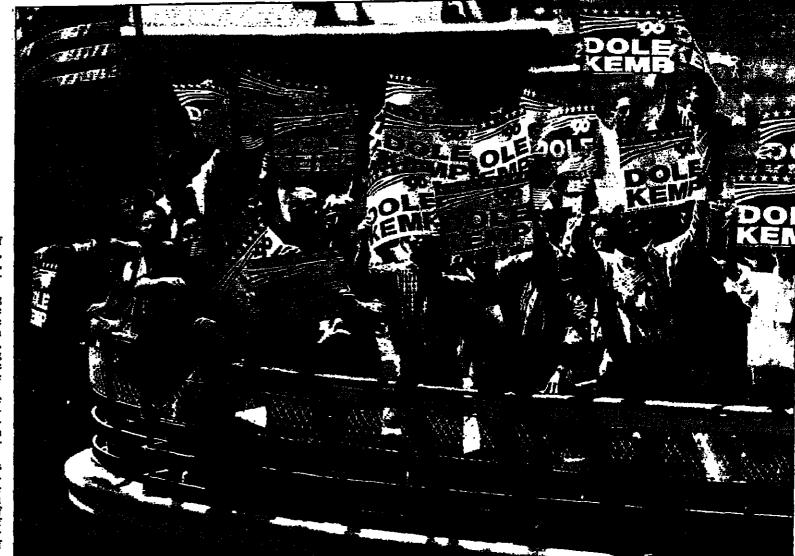
But the Buchanan truce stopped far short of an endorsement for Mr Dole - indeed he did not even mention the future nominee or Mr Kemp by name.

Now however the organisers will press on with their choreographed spectacular, the one real distraction being the spat with Pete Wilson, Governor of California and former mayor of San Diego, denied a major speaking appearance because of his backing for abortion rights.

The argument was quickly forgotten as a pantheon of party heroes was rolled out for the first night, in a section designed to highlight "Individual leadership and integrity", led by former Presidents Bush and Ford, and topped by Colin Powell, whose 10-minute address could not but remind that he might well today be in Mr Dole's place had he not decided against a White House run.

But no night of celebration is complete without a dash of poignancy and nostalgia, and that was provided by the great-est hero of all in modern Re-publicanism - Ronald Reagan. Tax-cutter, supply-sider and in-defatigable optimist. Jack Kemp may be the closest thing to Mr Reagan in today's party, but for the first time in 20 years the man himself will not be attending a convention.

Last night delegates had to make do with a video and a speech from Nancy Reagan, the penultimate speaker bevals may be waving from the fore Colin Powell, in which she conveyed the greetings of her husband, now 85 and suffering



Party faithful worship at Emporium

Journalists checking in to cov-er the Republican National Convention in San Diego were each pleased to receive, along with their media passes, free commemorative canvas bags embossed with the Republican Party logo, an elephant. But they were baffled to discover that the bags were stuffed full of - not convention documents - but, among other things, a box con-

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taining 20 small, plastic food "storage bags" manufactured by a company called 'Hefty'; a box of Kraft macaroni and cheese ("boil 11 to 13 minutes, or until tender, stirring occasionally"); a white cotton polo shirt, courtesy of a finance company called Nicholas Applegate Capital Management; a plastic beer mug marked "Budweiser"; a bag of tortilla chips; two small bags of California raisms; and a certificate "entiting the bearer to one free admission to the Ronald Reagan presidential library and museum". Very nice, but what did it all mean?

A clue lay at the Convention Emporium, a carpeted marketplace the size of an indoor football pitch where delegates take breaks between speeches to indulge the all-American ritual of shopping. Observe the Republican faithful jostling for merchandise on the Emporium floor and you will see that while ves, to be sure, they venture on these four-yearly convention pilgrimages to voice their support for the presidential candidate du jour, what drives them deep down is an imperative at once more solemn and more en-

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Centre is the delegates' temple. but the Convention Emporium is their shrine. The range of goods available at the stalls, rows upon rows of them, is immense. But the themes are always the same: God. Country and the Grand Old Party. The children's cuddly tows are all elephants bedecked in Stars and Stripes; the men's ties, the women's waistcoats, the unisex hats, the babies' bibs - all embroidered in more elephants, more Stars and Stripes; and then there are the Stars and during: to pay homage to the Stripes golf balls, earrings, founfree market and to honour the tain pens. And the watches memory of their patron saint, with carved golden wrist-hands 12 lite words "Jesus kwes The San Diego Convention you"; the Christian rock band stuff. The manufacturers have

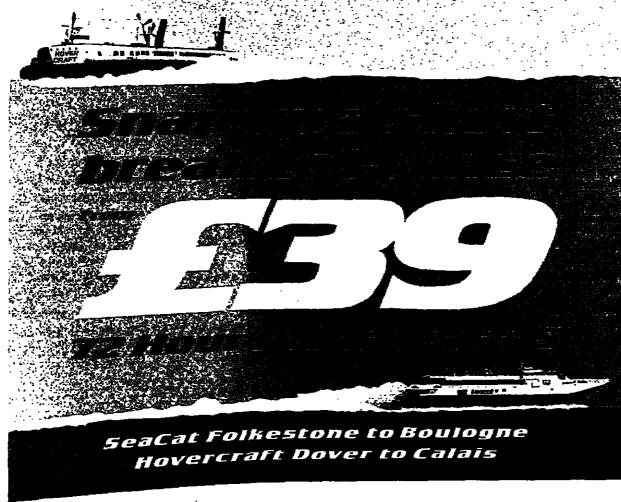
CD's; the posters of Reagan, a catalogue. And there is plen-alongside the posters of John by more anti-Hillary parapher-malia, mostly bumper stackers The Reagan stall is the biggest in the Emporium, selling, apart from the mandatory T-shirts and baseball caps, videos featuring extracts from the actor-president's greatest speeches:

Ronald Reagan piggy banks; and Ronald Reagan yo-yo's. Those who love Good, the Emporium merchants know, detest Evil. And Evil. if you are a true Republican, has a face. It is the face of a woman whose screaming portrait adorns the middle of a fake three-dollar bill marked "Queer Reserve Note" and "the Feminist States of America". Jezebel's name is dy, I'm pregnant, but we will Hillary Clinton. A pad of 25 cross that bridge" and "Vote for "Hill bills" sells for \$3.50 Ted Kennedy: a blonde in every (£2.25), a case of 3,750, \$262.50 (1169). Yes, people do huy this

along the lines of "Don't blame me, I didn't vote for Hillary". and "I don't trust President Clinton, or her husband."

Reclining at the feet of the Oueen of Pandemonium is not only Bill "Clintonocchio" Clinton but that other Democratic fiend, Senator Edward Kennedy. Two bumper stickers lampooning the late president's brother reveal that the Emporium merchants, set as their sights are on the higher good, are not beneath stretching the boundaries of good taste. Here are a couple of samples: "Tedpond".

John Carlin



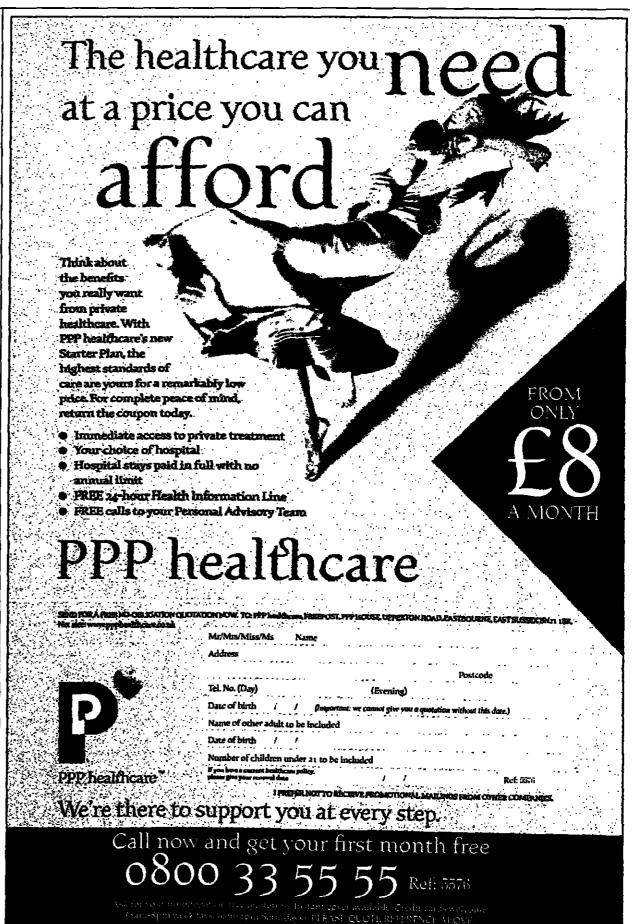
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Rafael Kubelik

Rafael Kubelik, the Czech conductor, was in every way a big man; tall and robust in physique, he was the most generous of human beings and he inspired devoted affection among his friends and colleagues.

The son of the violinist Jan Kubelik, he was born in Bychory, in Bohemia, in 1914. As a student at the Prague Conservatoire, he made his debut with the Czech Philharmonic at the age of 20, being appointed its principal conductor in 1936. In this capacity he appeared in London in 1937 (and Henry Wood noted that he was not yet to be compared with the great Vaclay Talich). From 1939 to 1941 he was director of the Brno Opera, where he began to explore Janacek and where he pioneered Berlioz's Les Trovens - an amazingly original

undertaking.

He then returned to the Czech Philharmonic, with whom he made such a reputation that in 1946 he was a guest with the BBC Symphony Orchestra - at the People's Palace (where Janacek's Sinfonietta had to be replaced with Dvorak's 7th Symphony because the BBC had not budgeted for the extra trumpets) and in the studio. An internal BBC memo noted that he only needed "a little more poise" to establish himself as an international star.

In 1948 Czechoslovakia turned Communist and Kubelik left, taking up residence in London. This was convenient because Glyndebourne had invited him to conduct Don Giovanni at the Edinburgh Festival that summer. (He was the first Glyndebourne conductor to use a harpsichord as continuo, Fritz Busch having always preferred the piano.) The performance, made unforgettable by Ljuba Welitsch's riveting Donna Anna, was richly romantic and it so greatly enhanced Kubelik's reputation that, next year, he was approached as a possible successor to Adrian Boult - who was to be retired at 60 - with the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

A rival offer from the Chicago Symphony, however (and his wife's preference for the United States to England), took him to Chicago, where he was musical director for three seasons. 1950-53. Though he premiered Roy Harris's 7th Symphony among other works, his repertoire was thought to be unduly the "brilliance" by which that orchestra liked to identify itself.

The next landmark in his ca-

Wells, when he revived Katya Kabanova, which Charles Mackerras had introduced three years earlier. The revival was a triumph and it was no doubt the main reason why, a year later, he was appointed musical director at Covent Garden.

At the Royal Opera House an introductory Banered Bride (1955) led to Otello the same year, Jenufa (1956) and The Trojans - which John Gielgud directed - in 1957, when he also appeared with the Philharmonia Orchestra at the Edinburgh Festival. But the Covent Garden years were not to be happy ones. Fiercely loval to the principle of "opera in Eng-lish", to the native singers in his company and to the idea of a national ensemble, Kubelik was unwillingly involved in operatic politics. Attacked by, among others. Thomas Beecham, he characteristically and unwisely offered to resign (in a letter to the Times) "since I do not want to be in the way as a foreigner". His resignation was rejected, but a disappointing Mastersingers (a work he was gloriously to record in Munich in 1967) set the seal upon his future and he left Covent Garden in 1958.

George Harewood, then working at the Opera House, wrote of "his ability to give unstintingly to colleagues, company, audience and above all to the music" and spoke of Kubelik's three years there as "the best of my life".

Between 1958 and 1961, when he was appointed to the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra. Kubelik was a guest with many great orchestras, the Vienna and Israel Philharmonic among them. In Munich, Die Meistersinger apart, he recorded a complete Mahler cycle and worked often with Fischer-Dieskau - in Mahler songs, Franck's Les Béaritudes and Debussy's Pelleas. Together, too, they went to Milan to record Rigoletto. Elsewhere, as a guest, he offered Dvorak, whose complete symphonies he recorded with the Berlin Philharmonic, Smetana and Janacek, as well as the Schumann symphonies, Hindemith, Schoenberg (the concertos). Bartok and some Britten.

In 1971, Goran Gentele. Rudolf Bing's successor at the Metropolitan Opera, New York, invited Kubelik to become its first musical director. The two men had a similar vision of what could be done at the Met Kubelik, perhaps antici-



Kubelik: a man of shining musical and personal integrity

cepted the invitation, though Festival, conducting his own Se-Klemperer, whom he had consulted in Switzerland (where both now lived), advised against. But Gentele was killed in a car crash in Sardinia in July 1972, a few weeks before their first season was due to open. So the partnership was dissolved and Kubelik, though he was to guest at the Met, returned to Europe. Walter Legge, on hearing of

his appointment, had written that much as I like Kubelik, I doubt if he knows his way about the repertoire . . . or has a firm enough way with him to get the desired and necessary results' - a judgement characteristically negative but not without a grain of truth.

From 1972 Kubelik's career began to fade, though he worked here and there as a distinguished guest. He conductpating a more sympathetic - and ed the Otto Klemperer were a devoted couple. less xenophobic - attitude from Memorial Concert at the Roythe press than he had encoun- al Albert Hall in January 1974 reer came in 1954, at Sadler's tered at Covent Garden, ac- and he appeared at the Lucerne given at Brno in 1947, and Cor-

quenzen, the following year. At the Prague Spring in 1990 he returned to his own country. conducting an unforgettable performance of Smetana's Vilava at the opening concert of the festival, an occasion celebrating the collapse of the So-viet Union's hegemony over Eastern Europe. Thereafter he visited Prague from time to time, but only as a listener, for he was beginning to be ill and, for the sake of a warm climate, was spending some of his time

Kubelik was twice married, first to the violinist Ludmila Bertlova, then in 1963 to the Australian soprane Elsie Morison, a member of the Covent Garden company during his regime there, who had sung for Glyndebourne at the Edinburgh Festival in 1953. They

in Florida.

Rafael Kubelik was the composer of two operas - Veronika

Brigadier Roy Smith-Hill

Brigadier Roy Smith-Hill was not only the oldest surviving Royal Marine officer, but the last surviving officer of the ill-fated 6th Battalion Royal Marines Light Infantry. He died nine months short of his 100th birthday.

The 6th Battalion was formed in 1919 to carry out ceremonial duties during the plebiscite being held in Schleswig-Holstein: their main task being to man the polling booths. Before boarding the troopship Czar they were informed of a change of plan. They were now to sail to north Russia to bolster the forces covering the evacuation of British troops from the area.

Morale sank, for many of the men had served in the First World War and did not now want to lose their lives fighting in Russia in circumstances of which they knew or cared little. The battalion also contained a number of very raw recruits and prisoners of war who had only recently returned from Germany and had had no leave.

On arriving at Murmansk, they were ordered to man outposts close to Lake Onega. Smith-Hill's company arrived at Kapaselga to hear that the previous night the Portsmouth Company had unsuccessfully attacked the village of Koikori and lost three men and 18 wounded. After a week's preparation his company was ordered to form the first wave of an attack on the same village.

His company was led into the attack by a Russian guide who betrayed them and left them in a vulnerable position before dis-appearing. The Bolshevik forces' machine-guns caused a number of casualties, especialamong the senior officers. wo hours later, now in charge of his company, Smith-Hill was ordered to retire.

The next morning, faced with the prospect of another attack on the village, the men of Smith-Hill's company refused to obey orders from the platoon commanders and removed themselves to a nearby friendly village. Smith-Hill pursued them. On finding them, he or-dered them to fall in and told them they would all be courtmartialled. In fact, 93 men from the battalion were tried by Field General Court Martial

One of the accused, who

had been wounded in the attack. did not undergo court-martial until his return to Chatham. where he was found not guilty. This threw doubt on the validity of the Field General Court Martial. In December 1919. the Government, under pressure from several MPs, revoked the sentence of death and considerably reduced the sentence of all the men.

Smith-Hill's commanding officer informed him that as an officer he had incurred their Lordships' displeasure - i.e. the Lords of the Admiralty. He asked to be court-martialled, but this was refused. However, a brigade major told him later that it was not a had thing for a young officer to be the object of their Lordships' displeasure. because it would get him recognised. Indeed it did, for Smith-Hill left the Royal Marines 35 years later with the rank of brigadier and appointment as

Roy Smith-Hill was born in Aspatria, Cumberland, where his father was the principal of the local agricultural college. He was educated at St Bees and joined the Royal Marines in 1915. During the First World War he served as a gunnery officer with the Grand Fleet aboard HMS l'anguard and HMS Erin. In 1922, when events became rather hot in Turkey, he was serving in a light cruiser (HMS Carysfort) in the Eastern Mediterranean. He kept watch on the bridge at sea. which was unusual for a Royal Marine officer. He then served two years with HMS Hood as Captain of Marines. After Staff College in 1935 he

was seconded to the Army for four years at HQ Southern Command as Brigade Major of the Devon and Cornwall Light Infantry Brigade (TA). When war broke out, his first-hand experience of both the Army and the Navy in war and peace was put to good use and he served on both Army and Navy staffs. He was GOS1 to the Army Commander. Major-General N.M.S. Irwin, during the abortive attack on Dakar in September 1940 and later, as GSO

For the attack on Algiers, he was Staff Officer of Assemb Planning to the Naval Commander and liaison officer between the naval and military forces for the attack on Sicily in July 1943

Before and after D-Day be was on the staff of the Director of Combined Operations at the Admiralty. After the war, he commanded the Infantry Traning Centre at Lympstone, then became Commandant of the Royal Marines School d Music. He retired in 1980. After retirement he returned

to his old home in Braithwait, Cumberland, where for for years he was the County Carly Commander. In 1954 he was at pointed Deputy Lieutenant Comberland, a position he heli until the counties of Westmor land and Cumberland combined to become Cumbria From 1957 to 1963 he served as Area Civil Defence Officer n

West Cumberland. Smith-Hill was active in the local community, as charchwarden and President of the: Braithwaite Cricket Club, He in dulged his interest in woodwork. and was a born storytelle; and reciter of narrative poems. One way or another, by tellingpeople or by charming then, he managed to get things fone. Until the end he retained his wry good-humour.

In his last few months, he would often recall Rasian

Max Athur

Philip Royal Smith-Hill, sedier. born Aspatria, Cumberlard 5 May 1897; CHE 1940; marted Sobil Knight (died 19 4; wo sons, two daughters). of the Royal Marine Division. Carlisle 4 August 1960.

Anne Kristen

Playing the receptionist Norma Sullivan in Casualty, the Scottish actress Anne Kristen appeared in the BBC television medical drama at the height of its popularity. She based the character on a dragon she had once come across in a doctor's

So convincing was her portrayal that she had to put up with hostility from real-life hospital workers and, on arriving at Bristol Royal Infirmary's accident and emergency ward after hurting her hand when she fell over in the street, was told: "You're talking to a real receptionist now!" Kristen, born in Glasgow in

1937, was set on a career in acting after appearing in a primary school nativity play. She trained at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and went on to perform for several seasons with the Citizens' Theatre, Glasgow, playing the title-role in St Joan, Lady Macbeth in Macbeth. Beatrice in Much Ado About Nothing and Eliza in Psymalion. South of the border, she appeared in pro-



ductions at the Nottingham Playhouse, the Belgrade Theatre. Coventry, the Greenwich Theatre and the Mermaid Theatre, in the West End of London. She acted Anne Puttnam in The Crucible at both the National Theatre and the Comedy Theatre.

But it was in her native Scotland that Kristen was most revered. She worked frequently with the Scottish Theatre Company, playing Mrs Barrie in Mr Barrie. Verity in The Thrie Estaitis, Elaina in Commedia and Mrs Gillie in Mr Gillie, and took the role of Agrafena in A Family Affair, at the Royal Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh. Kristen appeared in many

television productions but, like

many Scottish actors and actresses, was particularly in demand when BBC Scotland or Scottish Television were making dramas for national screening. She was in two series of Wings (starring Tim Woodward, 1977-78), King's Royal (as the mother-in-law of Tom Bell. 1982) and acted Mrs Wickett in the BBC's production of Good-bre Mr Chips (1984), a six-part Sunday-afternoon serial based on James Hilton's short novel of 1934 and starring Roy Marsden as the gentle old schoolmaster Mr Chipping, She played the MP wife of

Mark McManus in a Scottish Television play called Two Per Cent (1982), before taking two roles alongside him in Taggart (1986, 1994), including one of the last episodes recorded before his death, in which she acted one of a group of authors

1756; Oueen Adelaide, consort of William IV, 1792; Sir George Grove,

then murdered, with suspicion falling on the others.

Kristen stayed with Casualty for three series (1991-93), getting grumpier by the week as Norma Sullivan hid from her colleagues the fact that at home she was caring for a mother with Alzheimer's disease. Her character eventually became the victim of a difficult menopause. The actress was also in the le-

gal drama Advocates (1992) and in The Tales of Para Handy (1994). Her appearance in an episode of Doctor Finlay (1994) brought together four of the grandes dames of Scottish theatre - Annette Crosbie, Edith Macarthur, Eileen Mc-Callum and Kristen herself. The storyline also attracted exceptional attention because her character, Rachel Grant, was battling to get away from an asylum she had been committed to by her father almost 40 years earlier after giving birth to an illegitimate baby.

Millais, painter, 1896; Domenico

Morelli, nainter, 1901; Pearl Mary

Teresa Craigie ("John Oliver

Kristen was in the films

nominated for a prize but Living Apart Together (1983 pipped to it by a writer who was starring the musician B.A. Robertson) and Silent Scream (1989, featuring Iain Glenn). She was last seen on screen as Miss Meiklejohn in an episode of the Scottish Highlands police drama Hamish Macbeth (1996), the BBC's answer to Heartheat.

Her final television appear-

Photograph: Cirve Barda / PAL

nelia Faroli, heard at Augsburg

in 1972 - three requiems, var-

ious concertos and a choral

symphony. But he will be chiefly

remembered as a magnificent

interpreter of Dvorak, Smetana,

Janacek and Martinu, and of

late Romantic music - Wagner

and Mahler in particular. He

was a man of shining musical

and personal integrity, perhaps

ill-equipped for the cut-and-

thrust of musical politics. He

tended to wear his heart on his

sleeve and was all the more

charitable man then Walter

Legge) wrote of Kubelik, "There is no one I would rather

Rafuel Jeronym Kubelik, con-

ductor: born Bychory, Bohemia

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1963 Elsie Morison; died

Lucerne, Switzerland 11 August

Adrian Boult (a much more

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loved for doing so.

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ance, in the BBC's Screen One drama Truth or Dare, will be screened in September. She plays Mrs Hugill, who consults a solicitor (played by the Car-diac Arrest star Helen Baxendale) when she finds out that her husband - about to be called to the Bar and not wanting adverse publicity - is having an affair with a younger woman. Kristen herself was divorced from the Scottish television and film actor lain Cuthbertson.

Anthony Hayward Anne Kristen, actress: born Glasgow 7 March 1937; married 1964 Iain Cuthbertson (marriage dissolved); died Leith, Lothian 7 August 1996.

Professor M. L. Rosenthal

the Dordogne town of Brantôme last summer to listen to M.L. Rosenthal's paper on Procellany in praise of southern not least in the British Isles. France and the good life to be had in the appreciation of literary culture, we were not to know that this was his swansong to the International Ezra Pound Conference, of which Mack, as we all called him, had been a loyal and enthusiastic support-er ever since TC. Terrell (Orono, Maine) and Philip Grover (Sheffield) had brought it to life in the mid-Seventies.

The New York Times very aptly headlined his obituary: "M.L. Rosenthal. Who Championed Poetry, Dies at 79". Indeed, he was iust as much an unwavering lover of world literature as the subject of his swansone to the Pound Conference, Like Ford, Rosenthal constantly advocated that literature, and above all poetry, mattered in everyone's life. Although he had a distinguished academic



When some 20 of us piled into career and remained Professor a tiny hot room in the abbey of _ of English at New York University until the age of 70, he was less at home with academics than with fellow poets, whom he vence, Ford Madox Ford's mis- sought out all over the world.

Seeking and selecting true poets and truly live poetry was Rosenthal's primary mission. Hence, especially at the beginning of his publishing career, a large part of his time was given over to the making of poetry anthologies and to the writing of poetry for a succession of American magazines (the Nation, the Humanist and Present Tense). His books of criticism were simply the second stage. Having established his canon, he now supplied "how to read" guides, in which attention was drawn not so much to

sources and background, but to what actually happens in the poetry. Though Seamus Heaney has amply recognised Rosenthal's merits as authoritative guide, evaluator and summariser of poetry, it is regrettable that his books have so far had little circulation in England. Though he was not an an-

thologised poet, Rosenthal's poetry has received high praise from fellow poets as a direct expression of human passions. His verse is, as Ezra Pound wanted it, "language charged with emotion".

This lyric intensity kept him from growing old. As the advocate of the poetic sequence, about which he and his coauthor Sally M. Gall wrote a 500-page study (The Modern Po-etic Sequence, 1983), he had no difficulty in regarding individ-ual lyrics as building blocks of

a boundless larger whole. Inthis that made it easy for buto appreciate unity and coheence in Walt Whitman, ad among the Modernists, event Ezra Pound, Unlike other Jess Rosenthal was not prevented k Pound's anti-Semitism trot appreciating the poetic gent of The Cantos. However, 19 Rosenthal il miglior fabbro wa W.B. Yeats.

The fruits of Rosenthal's life long preoccupation with the irish poet are gathered in whawas to be his last volume of crit, ical commentary, called after one of Yeats's poems, Running to Paradise (1994). It is dedicated to the memory of his son David, also a poet, and a translator of Catalan literature. whose death of cancer at the age of 46 was the greatest blow the Rosenthal family had to bear.

We Poundians shall never forget Mack Rosenthal's marvellously poetic sing-song voice, his modesty and graciousness, and I shall never forget the look of his study where books of poetry filled every available space. There, in the idyllic little house in Suffern, New York State, in the company of his equally charming wife Vicky. Mack lived an exemplary literary existence.

Walter Baumann

Macha Louis Rosenthal, poet, critic and teacher: born Washington DC 14 March 1917; Professor of English, New York University 1961-86, Director, Poetics Institute 1977-79; married 1939 Victoria Himmelstein (one son, one daughter, and one son deceased); died Suffern, New York 21 July 1996.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

ODDIE: Brun C.V. (CBE). Died peacefully on 7 August 1990, at age 91. Low-argly remembered by wife Phyllis, four grandchildren and two great grand-

IN MEMORIAM

HOWARD: David, died very spidents on 15 August 1905, aged 45 years. Gricyously missed by all your friends.

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Changing of the Guard The Househ-ld Cavalra Mounted Regiment mounts the Outer's I the Guard at Hope Guards.

Birthdays

Miss Sheila Armstrong, soprano, 54. Mr John Beal, actor, 87; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beavis, former Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, Central Europe, 67: Dr Fi-del Castro, President of Cuba, 69: The Rev Leo Chamberlain, Headmaster. Ampleforth College, 56; Mr Roy Evans, trade union leader, 65; Miss Marie Helvin, model, 44; Mr Ben Hogan, golfer, \$4; Mrs Madhur Jaffrey, actress and cookery writer, 63: Miss Susan Jameson, actress, 53; Sir Thomas Legg QC, Permanent Secretary, Lord Chamberlain's Department, 61; Lord Oram, former MP, 83: Mr Mark Pyper, Headmas-ter, Gordonstoun School, 49: Mr Gene Raymond, actor, 88; Lord Sainsbury, joint president, J. Sainsbury plc, 94: Dr Frederick Sanger. biochemist. 78; Mr Alan Shearer, footballer, 26; Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, 78: Mr Timothy Wood MP, Comptroller of the

Anniversaries

Births: Erasmus Bartholin, physicist. to25: James Gillray, caricaturist.

engineer and editor. Dictionary of Music and Musicians, 1830; William Thomas Best, organist and composer, 1826; Robert Hausmann, cellist, 1852: Annie Oakley (Phoebe Anne Oakley Mozee (Moses)), crack shot, 1860; Sir William Alexander Craigie, lexicographer, 1867; John Nicholson lreland, composer, 1879; John Logie Baird, Television pioneer, 1888; Christopher Richard Wynne Nevinson, painter, 1889; Jean-Robert Borotra, tennis player, 1898; Alfred Joseph Hitchcock, film director, 1899: Felix Wankel, engineer, 1902: Sir Basil Urwin Spence, architect, 1907: Archbishop Makarios III (Michael Christodolou Mouskos), president of Cyprus, 1913. Deaths: Gerard David (Gheeraert Davit), painter, 1523; Jeremy Taylor, the ologian, 1667; Acisclo Antonio Palomino de Castro y Velasco, inter and art historian, 1726; René-Theophile-Hyacinthe Laennec, physician and inventor of the stethocope, 1826; Sir Martin Archer Shee. portrait painter, 1850; Ferdinand-Victor Eugène Delacroix painter, 1863: Edward John Trelawny, traveller and author, 1881; Sir John Everett

Hobbs"), novelist and playwright. 1906; Florence Nightingale, nursing pioneer, 1910; Jules-Emile Frédéric Massenet, composer, 1912; Walter Runciman, first Baron Runciman, shipowner, 1937; Herbert George Wells, novelist, 1946; Henry Williamson, novelist, 1977. On this day: Cortes, leading his Spanish troops, took Tenochtitlan (Mexico City), 1521: the French armies were defeated at Blenheim by the Austrians and English, 1704; Cape of Good Hope Province was ceded to Britain by the Dutch, and it became a British Colony, 1814; Dr Leichhardt and his party set out to explore the area between Moreton Bay and Port Essington, Australia, 1844; earthquakes in Peru and Ecuador de-stroyed four cities and killed over 25,000 people, 1868; Manila in the Philippines was captured by US forces, 1898: Mustapha Kemal (Ataturk) was elected president of Turkey, 1923; over 13,000 people died in floods in the Honan, Hunan and

Kwantung areas of China, 1924; the

Central African Republic became in-

dependent, 1960; the frontier be-

tween East and West Germany was closed after the East Germans sealed the border, 1961; the last hangings in Britain took place when two men were executed for murder at Liverpool and Manchester, 1964; the last US troops left Vietnam, 1972. Today is the Feast Day of St Benildus. St Cassian of Imola, St Hippolytus of Rome, St Maximus the Confessor, St Narses Klaietus, St Pontian, pope, St Radegund, queen, Sr Simplician of Milan, St Wigbert.

National Gallery: Kathleen Adler Fair Game (ii): bullfighting, Goya Manet and Picasso", 1pm.

Victoria and Albert Museum Frances Musker, "Fashionable Dress 1770-1860°, 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: Sarah Greenberg.

"Turner's Classical Landscape British Museum: Edwin Morgan. "The Quest for Gilgamesh", 1.15pm. National Portrait Gallery (guided tour): "The Creative Spirit: por-

traits of writers, artists and scientists 1500-1837", 2.30pm.

Church appointments

The Very Rev Wesley Carr, Dean of Bristol, to be Dean of Westminster, succeeding the Very Rev Michael Mayne, who retires in December. The Rev Alison Boever, Assistant Curate. Christ Church and St Mark's, Watford (St Albans): to be Vicar St Catherine of Siena, Tile-

name; to be view; at Camerine of Sama, tur-hours (Oxford).

The Rev David Burrell, Priest-in-charge, Haughley with Wetherden and Stowardand: to be Priest-in-charge, Culford, Wes Stow and Wordwell, Flempton with Hengrave and Lackford and the Familiana and Turworth (St Etimundshary and Turwich). Lackford and the Fornigams and Timeworth (St Edmundshur) and Ippwich). The Rev Stuart Carter, Assistant Curate, St Luke, Barnangham; to be Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Cuniton (Birmingham). The Rev Dr Joseph Cossidy, formerly senior fecturer in ethan and theology; to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Salisbury St Martin and Traceroset, Salisbury.

Internate (NSIM), Salisbury St Martin and Liverstock (Salisbury).

The Rev Christopher Chapman, Prest-or-charge, Loddon, Sisland with Hales and Heckingham, and Rural Dean of Loddon (Norwich): to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral.

The Rev Jaren Collins, Ream Vicar, Witney Team Ministry: to be Staff Tutor, St Albans and Ordord Ministry Course (Oxford).

The Rev Louise Cooper, Curate, Dowcott (Liverpool): to be Assistant Chaphan to HM Young Offenders Centre, Glen Parra (Leiesster).

The Rev Richard Goodband, Priess-in-charge, Clarborough with Hayton (Southwell): now. Assistant Chaplain (part-time) at HM Prison,

Ranny. The Rev Stephen Griffiths, Assistant Curate, Glascote and Stonydelph (Lichfield); in he Friest-mechange, St Paul, Stratford, and Area Youth Officer (Chelmoford). The Rev Conthus Hebden, Curate, deanery of Theselo These lyn (Bangor, Church in Wales) to be Cu-

reviews Hanger, Chirch in Wales) to be Curate, St Mary, Knightin (Luccert).

The Rev Jonathan Herbert, Team Vicar, Blakenhall Heath Team Ministry (Lachfield), to be Community Member, Pilsdon Community (Salisbury). The Rev Eric Heschwood, Vicar, St Mark, Big-The Rev Eric Haseboond, Vicar, St Mark, Big-gin Hill: to be Vicar, All Saints, Orpington (Rochester).

The Rev Sebestian Jones, Vicar, South Ascos, All South: to be also Rural Dean of Bracknell

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The Rev Theory Jones, Assistant Cutate,

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uter).
The Rev Angus Parker, Assaciate Minester, Attenborough (Southwell): to be Vicar, St Pancras Pennyeross, Plymouth (Exeter).
The Rev John Potter, Vicar, Swindon New Your Iram Ministry (Broad), to be Vicar, Milber, Newton Abbol (Exeter)
The Rev John Rowland, Vicar, Fairfield (Liverpool): to be Vicar, Buckfaulough with Dean

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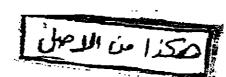
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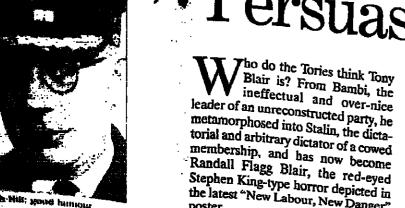
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the latest "New Labour, New Danger" Cue horror and anger. The Bishop of Oxford has attacked such vilification, particularly where it "draws on satanic imagery". And Peter Mandelson, sensitive and retiring campaign manager for Labour, writing in yesterday's London Evening Standard, described the poster as a "new low in propaganda ... [which] will disgust everyone ... a crass, clumsy move". Mr Mandelson believes that the message will backfire because "Tony Blair is a practising Christian, and by any standard a man of decency and integrity". Mr Mandelson is clearly right about Mr Blair's character, though he should remember (our tongue is a little in cheek, here) that the Spanish Inquisition was entirely run by practising Christians. Mr Mandelson's protestations that such negative campaigning will backfire upon the Conservatives are tinged

Funding for

Sir: What a relief to see Charles

I am an astronomer, and while my kind may enjoy greater public appeal than most other scientists

Arthur spoil the sport of those Martian enthusiasts ("Let the Martians come to us", 9 August).

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struggling for rat feed and

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Pyrex flask.

avoiding those colleagues across the road in life sciences who are

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paint us all as rabid alien-hunting trekkies: if there really are fossils

important to those unravelling life

on Earth as it is to those who seek

(or fear) it elsewhere. One of the

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upon many fields of research. But it

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Sir: If confirmed, the findings by Nasa, reporting fossilised life in the

Martian meteorite, would provide

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Sir: Patrick Moore suggests (9

August) that "We need more proof" that the Stanford meteorite

He doesn't seem to dispute in

more remote.

LH JONES

Felmersham.

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JUSTINE KELLER

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Mr Blair is old Labour in disguise, Tory Central Office is clearly enjoying more success in its contention that much of the danger of new Labour lies precisely in its newness. Who knows, it seems to ask, exactly where new Labour will take us? The poster itself is merely a way of exploiting the Clare Short debacle, while reminding the nation of the central anti-Labour theme of Conservative propaganda.

It is certainly the case that the speed of Conservative reaction to the Short interview marks the fact that we are now - semi-officially - living through an election campaign. It has begun, and nothing that happens will be judged by political commentators and politicians on any merits except whether or not it gains votes. But the Blair poster also raises the question of what kind of campaign it will be. Should the rest of us be as worried by it as the Bishop and Mr Mandelson are? Does this poster indeed mark the beginning of a prolonged and unprecedented nastiness, as some have begun to fear? And is it possible for a British election to be won or lost on the basis of wholly artificial fears, created with the same attention to real events as the average low-budget rented video?

If one steps back and takes a cool ing failed in its attempts to suggest that see why this is any more objectionable look at the Blair poster, it is hard to



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in principle than, say, an advertisement containing an entirely fictitious assertion about the tax implications of Labour policy.

The recent Tory party election broadcast likewise contained a statement about Labour policy on the treatment of criminals that was a straightforward and blatant untruth. In its distancing from any kind of factual argument the red-eye poster was, if anything, less offensive - it is not a lie, but an interesting joke. We surely need to be much more worried about the parties telling

Moreover, propaganda must strike a chord if it is to succeed. It is completely fair for the Tories to suggest that an incoming and inexperienced Labour administration might cause damage to the perfectly united nation and roaring economy that Conservatives have striven so hard over 17 years to construct, just as it is for Blair's party to capitalise on an almost terminal weariness with the exhausted husks who currently occupy the corridors of power. What is unlikely to work is a campaign that runs contrary to the electorate's barefaced fibs about each other. perception. Mr Blair is an improbable

Beelzebub, as - for different reasons is Mr Major.

So here is the real challenge for both of the two largest parties: Labour must explain to us how its new policies will work, simultaneously reassuring us and enthusing us - no mean feat. For their part the Conservatives must persuade us that there is a real reason why they should be given yet another term in office. And it must be said that, of the two tasks, Labour's is marginally the easier - only marginally, mind. As yet we know far more about what Labour plans to do in office, than we have been told about what will happen in a fifth successive Tory administration.

This is no accident. For all its confusions, Labour has broadly decided what kind of party it wants to be though it hasn't fully grasped the implications of its own journey, and much can still go wrong. The Tories, however, stand on the threshold of their own ideological upheaval. A substantial and dynamic section of the party wants a thoroughgoing renewal of message and mission, but feel that such a change cannot easily be accomplished while still clinging to the reins of government. It has become very hard for Mr Major to propose great radical acts of government which satisfy all parts of his party, but almost as impossible for

him to settle back on a "safety first" strategy. And that is why, though we can expect, for the moment, an unusually literal representation of the old adage "better the devil you know", the debate will shift soon enough onto whether or not you can trust Labour, or whether you can bear another bout of new Toryism. It may well be that posters from either side will play only a very small role in making up our minds on those questions.

A paper in the ethical mire

There are circumstances in which a perfectly straightforward, up front, nothing-to-conceal, nothing immoral or untoward purchase of a newspaper story is just fine, and not under any circumstances to be condemned. Sadly for the News of the World, and its fascinating Mandy Allwood scoop, storybuying is rarely so clean and simple. In this case, whatever else we may think, the paper has got itself embroiled in an ethical mess. Whatever Ms Allwood decides to do now, the NoW will be tainted by the decision, unless it gets

Ending the Post

Office monopoly

Office's monopoly on letter delivery is a crude, politically motivated act ("Couriers' chance to play

postman", 7 August.), but it exposes the fundamental competitive pressures the Royal Mail is facing.

pressures the koyai man is racing. In particular the expansion of fax and e-mail is providing a choice of communication channels that benefits the consumer in the long

Private sector firms do not have the infrastructure of the Royal Mail

to provide a comprehensive

national letter delivery service at

the current market price. A one-

month suspension of monopoly status is ridiculously short given the sunk costs that TNT, DHL and

others would have to invest in providing effective competition.

in our major towns and cities.

built up thousands of lottery

Nonetheless there is scope for local

delivery at a much lower unit cost

Private firms can create their own

network of collection points much

in the same way that Camelot has

Sir: The suspension of the Post

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -



principle that it might contain signs of very primitive life. So wouldn't it be even more exciting if it came from somewhere further afield? The only disappointment might be proof that the meteorite was blasted off from Earth 16 million

years ago, wandered around the universe for a while, and then came back, like a boomerang, to Antarctica, 13,000 years ago. Professor GEOFFREY BROADBENT Southsea,

Hamoshire

Sexual rednecks of Europe

Sir: So "the army's position on gender is perfectly PC, moving happily with the times?" (Magazine 10 August). Try telling that to gay and lesbian service personnel abused and hounded from their careers by cowards and bigots they thought were comrades-in-arms. Britain is, sexually, still Europe's

Deep South. And just as the US Supreme Court imposed civil rights on southern rednecks, so hopefully the European Court will demand that our soldiers be judged on their conduct in battle, not bed. JAMES SCOTT Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire

Gun control

Sir: Under normal circumstances the professional users of firearms, servicemen, are never allowed to take their personal weapons home. Why should members of gun clubs? Colonel MICHAEL BADGER Runcton, West Sussex

moral dilemmas

Sir: The heated rhetoric of Vatican officials about the destruction of frozen pre-embryos in Britain provides an interesting contrast with the cool acceptance of Cardinal Basil Hume, While Vatican officials deem the event a "prenatal massacre" and call on married women to "adopt" the orphan embryos, Hume is prepared to settle for a decent burial.

Perhaps Hume understands the complexity and pitfalls inherent in the Vatican's approach to the subject of frozen pre-embryos perhaps he understands better than the Vatican that the history of church teaching on the status of the early embryo speaks against claiming "personhood" for such undifferentiated early life.

St Augustine said that "unformed foetuses perish like seeds which have not fructified", clearly seeing actual human life beginning at some point after the foetus has begun to grow. This ambiguity continues to modern times - the Vatican's 1974 Declaration on Procured Abortion specifically leaves aside the question of the moment when the spiritual soul is infused". It is for this reason that funerals for spontaneously aborted or miscarried foetuses are not routine in the church. As recently as 20 years ago priests and health care personnel were prohibited by church directives from baptising miscarried or aborted fetuses in the early stages of pregnancies. Last rites are not administered.

In natural reproduction, there are thousands of embryos that are spontaneously aborted every day. One cannot help but wonder why church officials and anti-abortion groups are not lobbying for a research programme that would prevent such tragedies. The magnitude of such loss of life in their terms is far greater than any deadly disease we have faced from polio to Aids.

Perhaps Cardinal Hume sees another problem with the Vatican approach. He knows that the church to date has forbidden artificial insemination with donated sperm, much less embryo transfer for married infertile couples. Arguing that embryo transfer and surrogacy is a lesser evil than destroying a pre-embryo, the Cardinal may reason, is the first step down a slippery slope in which contraceptives are seen as the lesser of two evils if they would prevent abortions; likewise the use of condoms to prevent the transmission of HIV. Fortunately, most Catholics already understand and accept these options. FRANCES KISSLING

Catholics for a Free Choice Washington DC

died at birth. Some years ago I asked him whether he had ever felt the loss, and he said it had never bothered him at all. I have known a number of other surviving twins with similar reactions, who show no sign of emotional damage. Before we start assuring the sad mother who chose to abort a twin

Sir: My husband's identical twin

that the survivor will inevitably be traumatised, we need better data. Anecdotal evidence, however poignant, is not enough. Only a study of surviving twins compared with other children could provide answers as to what extent and to what degree the problem may exist. JEAN ROBINSON Oxford

Sir: It is alarming that an organisation, with no knowledge of a woman's mental or physical health, was able to obtain an immediate injunction to delay or prevent legal medical treatment which had been agreed between the woman and her doctor ("Prolife crusade is terminated", 7 August). There should be a legal inquiry as to how this came about.

A pregnant woman faced with such an action would first have to find legal aid or substantial funds to fight it, and then engage in legal action, thereby revealing her name and details of her case. If she won, she would then face a more traumatic and dangerous abortion, since the pregnancy would be further advanced. BEVERLEY A LAWRENCE BEECH

Honorary Chair Association for Improvements in the Maternity Services Iver, Buckinghamshire

Sir: I agree with Dr Kate O'Kelly (letters, 12 August) about the desirability of making adoption a more attractive choice for women with unwanted pregnancies. Unfortunately, for many such women, from 14-year-old schoolgirls to women who already

terminals. It would not take long for users to become familiar with a range of competitive "service-providers" offering rapid letter delivery services within their area. Ignoring the vindictive politics of the current dispute, the

have children, the attraction of abortion is that, whatever the

becomes to outward appearances

as if it had never existed. The schoolgirl can continue her studies

mother does not have to explain to

her children why she is giving away their new sibling. IANE NEWMAN

Sir. I agree with Eric Stockton

(letter, 10 August) that every woma should ask herself two questions.

These questions should, however,

be: "do I want a child?" and "have I

reasonable prospects of giving any child a fair chance in life?" If the

questions is in the negative then the

measures to prevent pregnancy. This

woman has a moral obligation to

is the point at which every woman

has the choice.

Britham, Devon

LINDA M COCKSHAW

Chechen hopes

Sir: Thank you for your editorial (10 August), in particular for your

recognition that the responsibility

for the war in Chechnya lies with the Kremlin and that the truce was,

sadly, only election eering, as many,

including myself, said repeatedly at

settlement is the only way forward.

I hope that President Yeltsin

Ambassador at Lurge to the EEC

the outset. Your call for peace

negotiations and a political

reads your newspaper.

Chechen Republic London SW3

CHARLES TCHKOTOUA

avoid sexual intercourse, or take

honest answer to either of these

virtually uninterrupted, and the

private emotional pain

experienced, the pregnancy

Government should permit a "market test" for private firms to provide delivery services over a two-year period. The £1 minimum threshold should be removed to let local consumers decide who they want to deliver their local mail. Prices would fall in urban areas (to a level much closer to the marginal cost of each letter delivered) whilst the Government could provide an explicit subsidy for those firms committed to maintaining, and

improving, services to rural areas. Newcastle upon Tyne

Judges step in where MPs fail

Sir: Few could argue with the central point of Lindsay Farmer's article ("Now judges speak out, but should we listen?", 7 August); that this country needs a formal written constitution together with a Bill of Rights. She is quite correct to say that without this, where powers are not clearly settled as between the political institutions, there will always be questions over the propriety of particular cases where ministers are the subject of judicial

However, there is a danger that concentration on a few causes *célèbres*, especially in the field of judicial review, will skew our perspective. The judiciary is a changing institution. The cause of a new judicial activism has more to do with the nature of the modern administration of government than it has to with the politicisation of the judiciary.

The media only report a tiny minority of judicial review cases: research proves that the vast majority of cases will never have been as far as a grade 7 civil servant. let alone a minister. In the few cases that the judiciary do question a judgement of a secretary of state it is very difficult to see any usurpation of parliamentary sovereignty. In fact in checking the executive in new ways, it could be argued that they are often doing the job our representatives are failing in, for which many of us are grateful.
MICHAEL HARKER Cardiff Law School University of Wales

Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number. (Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk) Letters may be edited for length and clarity. India may torpedo a ban on nuclear testing this week. But halting tests does not rid us of the weapons anyway, says Tony Barber

Is this our post-atomic dawn?

n two days time, the world may know whether there is a chance of adopting what looks like the most ambitious arms control measure in mankind's history. Thursday is the deadline by which 61 nations hope to agree the text of a treaty that would ban nuclear weapons

It would not mean the end of the nuclear age, still less the dawn of eternal peace. More than 16,000 nuclear warheads. capable of delivery by intercontinental missile or bomber aircraft, remain, largely in the hands of the United States and

Apart from these, the nuclear powers possess more than 10,000 short-range and other warheads. Put more starkly, the total yield of all the world's nuclear weapons is sufficient to cause more than 300,000 Hiroshima-style explosions.

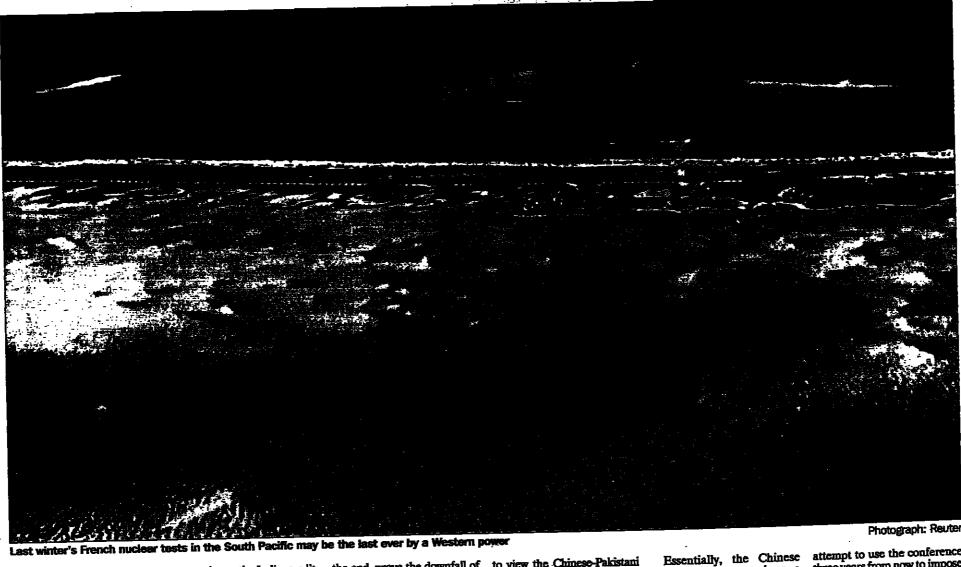
Nuclear deterrence, nuclear proliferation, nuclear madness all these concepts will remain with us, whether or not the test ban goes ahead. Yet a ban on tests would represent a considerable achievement on a planet that has shuddered more than 2.000 times since the end of the Second World War from the impact of nuclear weapons explosions in the atmosphere, underground and in the water. Most countries attending the

Geneva talks on a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) support the proposal to stop tests. Crucially, these include the five declared nuclear powers -Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States. All have now stopped testing, China last month and France earlier this year after a series of tests in the South Pacific that outraged

world opinion. Despite problems with Iran and Cuba, the main threat to the treaty comes from India, the only country openly opposing it in its present form. Along with Israel and Pakistan, India is a "threshold" nuclear power - a state that has nuclear weapons but does not admit it, or has enough fissile materials to build such weapons at short notice.

Some diplomats say that if India does not lift its objections, the question will remain whether the treaty is anything other than a piece of paper inscribed with noble intentions. It could still go forward next month to the United Nations in New York, where member states would be invited to ratify it, but India's refusal to endorse the document could tempt some countries to regard it as a pious and irrelevant

"India is running the risk of taking the full blame if the talks fail," a Western diplomat in Geneva said. "Everyone else realises this is the right treaty."



Ironically, India's first postindependence prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, was among the earliest advocates of a test ban, making the proposal in 1954 as a way of halting the Cold War arms race. For India, the picture changed completely 10 years later, when its giant neighbour and rival, China, exploded its first nuclear weapon at Lop Nor.

In 1974, India conducted a nuclear test of its own. It has always described this as an explosion of a "peaceful nuclear device", but no one least of all China and Pakistan, India's second great adversary - doubts that the test was a milestone on India's path to undeclared nuclear status. India's objections to the

CTBT are many and varied. One is that, unless the treaty is linked to a timetable for global merely confirm the privileged position of the five declared nuclear powers.

From an Indian perspective, the willingness of these countries to abandon nuclear tests reeks of hypocrisy, since technological advances mean that they are all capable of simulating tests in laboratories. Declaring a test ban in these circum-

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stances is, say the Indians, a little like locking the stable door after the nuclear horse has

The Indian government is also resisting a provision of the treaty that requires the five nuclear powers and India, Israel and Pakistan to ratify the pact before it becomes international law. The thinking behind this clause is simple: if a "threshold" power such as India does not sign the treaty, then other countries that may aspire to nuclear status will have a perfect excuse not to

India contends, however, that the requirement encroaches on its sovereign right to decide freely what international agreements it wishes to enter into. Last week the Indian representative in Geneva, Arundhati Ghose, proposed an amendment under which the treaty would take effect only after ratification by 65 states.

India's fundamental objection is that, if it were to ratify the treaty as it stands now, it would be tying one hand behind its back before any future conflict with China or Pakistan. The suspicions and fears that infect relations between India and its two neighbours may, in

the end, prove the downfall of

the CTBT. Having fought three wars with Pakistan since independence in 1947, India is constantly on the watch for some treacherous Pakistani move against Indian territory. It does not help that the Indian government is battling to put down a separatist revolt in the two-thirds of Kashmir that lies inside India's borders.

Although India's population of 850 million outnum-

to view the Chinese-Pakistani illiance with apprehension.

It is a measure of the depth of India's security concerns that the main opposition party, the right-wing Hindh Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), openly supports the deployment of nuclear weapons at a time when the rest of the world claims to want to move in completely the other direction. The BJP's foreign affairs spokesman, Brijesh Mishra, went further last week and said: "We must con-

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bers that of Pakistan by a factor of about seven to one, the sense of a threat is ever-present, enhanced by the aware ness that Pakistan is an undeclared nuclear power. Yet the biggest problem for India lies not in Pakistan but in China, an even more populous country than India and one that has conducted about 45 nuclear tests - the last of which occurred on 29 July, the very day that the Geneva talks reopened after a month's

"Pakistan isn't the top worry for India. For them, China is always top of the list," said Bates Gill, an analyst at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

China fought a brief border war with India in 1962 and, partly on the principle that your enemy's enemy is your friend, has maintained a long standing military relationship with Pak-istan. Both the Chinese and Pakistanis have denied Western press reports that China has supplied Pakistan with M-11 siles for delivering nuclear warheads, but India continues

met a man in Edinburgh

yesterday who wanted me

Lto go to the Chinese State

Circus. The very good reason

for this is that he is the man responsible for bringing the

Chinese State Circus to

Britain, and to the Meadows

in Edinburgh where they cur-

told me, with the simple, child-

like faith of a man who has

invested a lot of money in

bringing them here. "And they

have brought skills here we

have never seen from the Chi-

nese before - or rather, res-

cued some skills we thought

they had lost. They've brought

bicycling back," he added in a

dramatic whisper. "The things they do with bicycles...."

ful. If they should ever get out

Well, I hope they are care-

They're wonderful," he

rently reside.

duct one or more nuclear tests in order to design nuclear warheads for our missiles."

pers reported last Friday that the state-run Defence Research and Development Organisation had proposed to the government that tests of a controversial intermediate-range missile, the Agni, should be resumed. The Agni, which is named after the Hindu fire god, has been tested twice before, the last time in February 1994, but India has come under US pressure to drop the programme on the grounds that it raises tensions with China and Pakistan.

For some while after the CTBT negotiations began in January 1994, it appeared that China might prove as big an obstacle as India to a complete test ban. The Chinese were particularly opposed to a pro-posal, advanced by the US, that information gathered from satellites and other forms of technical intelligence should be used as the basis for making a request for "on-site inspections" of nuclear facilities.

The US also appears to have assured China that it will not use information acquired by spying to demand inspections. in return, the Chinese promised

> operate with US efforts to send the document to the UN General Assembly for signing.
> This compromise makes clear that the US sees value in adopting the freaty even without Indian approval. The rea-son is that if, after three years, the treaty has still not come into effect because of Indian opposition, a new conference can be held to decide on measures to accelerate the ratification

viewed this proposal as a

licence for espionage. They

also argued that inspections

should not go ahead unless a

two-thirds majority of the

treaty's 51-nation executive

council voted for them, whereas

the US said that a simple

Last week, in one of the

major breakthroughs of the

talks, the US and China

reached a compromise. The

US agreed that the number of

votes required to trigger an inspection should be raised to

30, while China undertook to

use its influence on Pakistan to

that, should India refuse to

endorse the treaty, they will still:

make it sign the CTBT

majority vote should suffice.

This clause could be interpreted to mean that the treaty, far from being buried because of Indian objections, has "provisional application". Those states that sign the treaty will be bound never to conduct a nuclear test, while those that do not sign will be under extreme pressure not to carry out a test because the weight of international opinion will be overwhelmingly against

Officials in New Delhi have expressed concern that the US other powers might

Bacon in the flower shop? Of course...

attempt to use the conference

three years from now to impose economic sanctions on India for not ratifying the CTBT. However, the US Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, wrote a letter to the Indian government pledging that the US had no intention of penalising India in this fashion.

Another way of saving the treaty, if India refuses to approve it, is to omit the names of the eight countries whose ratification is needed to make it operative. However, India may not regard such a step as meeting its substantive objections.

As a former Indian foreign minister, AP Venkateswaran, indicated, India's worries about Chima and Pakistan are so profound that it is ready to endure isolation as the price of rejecting the treaty. "It is better to die our your feet than to live on your knees," he said.

. The Geneva talks are so tantalisingly close to succ seems unlikely that the US and the other four declared nuclear powers will let them break down completely. Yet it cannot be stressed too often that the CTBT is not an act of nuclear disarmament and may not even serve as an incentive to disarmament.

Perhaps the most telling episode at the Geneva talks happened last Thursday, when 29 developing countries pro-posed immediate negotiations on a timetable for destroying nuclear arsenals by 2020. The proposal was dismissed as wildly utopian by the chief US delegate, Stephen Ledogar, who called it a "long, complicated wish-list that would amount to all nuclear weapons states being required to ... destroy in accordance with a timetable dictated by others. That is simply not in the cards for the United States, or indeed for any of the other nuclear weapons states."



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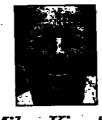
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of the circus and cycle round Edinburgh, I hope they never have to go on the cobbles. Doing somersaults on a bike in mid-air is one thing. Riding on Edinburgh cobbles is another. If you buy the very efficient Cycling Map of Edinburgh, you will see that many of the streets, especially in the New

Town, are marked in bright red, the way public houses used to be marked on old temperance maps of Victorian London. And for the same reason: these streets are the work of the devil. They are cobbled, and therefore hell to bicycle on. I know whereof I talk,

because I have just made my annual pilgrimage to the Edin-burgh bicycle shop in the London Road known as Sandy Gilchrist to hire a bicycle for the duration of the Festival, and I came back along some long, cobbled streets. This produces the kind of fast vibration that shakes the body violently and knocks the shooping off the back of the bike and which, in a plane, would have the pilot announcing: "I am afraid the turbulence has got so bad that I am seriously thinking of landing in the sea; unfortunately we are 300 miles

from the sea I also noticed a curious effect on my left-hand little finger, which carries a small ring, dating from some more flamboyant period of my life, which I now find very hard to



Miles Kington

get off. To my amazement, I noticed that the fast, minuscule vibration of the cobbles was causing the ring to slide down my finger very slowly but surely and threaten to leave it. If any reader has a ring they cannot get off their thickening fingers, let them come to Edinburgh at once and hire

The other first thing to do when staying in Edinburgh is to locate the nearest shops for soft, floury rolls, whisky, photocopying, etc. I asked at the local croissant shop (yes, they are here too) where I could get bacon nearby.

"Your best bet," said the girl, "is Carr's the flower shop, or the Paki down the road."

An odd recommendation for bacon - either a florist's or a Muslim shop. But it turned out that they both had bacon, and it turns out that there is nothing pejorative about "Paki" - it's just the local word for an Asian shop. Anyway, I don't suppose the Scots would look down on a nation like Pakistan which was giving

England a cricketing lesson I went to the Asian shop to get a paper and some milk. There was a man in front of me in the queue also buying

What papers have you got there?" asked the Pakistani proprietor.

Wreck Instar", said the man in a thick Scottish accent. "Fine," said the Pakistani. Playing the brief exchange back in my mind, but at a slower speed, I realised that what the man had said was "Record and Star". I also realised that I had found it perfectly easy to understand what the Pakistani was saying but hard to make out the Scotsman. In addition, I realised that the Pakistani had

before I had worked out what he was saying. I felt there was a moral here, but wasn't sure I wanted to pursue it.

I am not sure it had

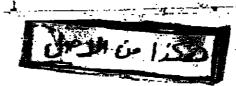
occurred to me before, but

although there is a very strong Asian presence in Edinburgh and Scotland generally, I am not aware of any West Indian presence which, having lived in Notting Hill for years, I had come to expect in a big city.

Not, of course, that there is any guarantee that an Asian community will always be at peace with itself. I have a cousin who lives in Perthshire. There are two Indian restaurants in his local town. I said to my cousin one day that it was good having two Indian outfits, because then they would have each other for

"I believe they are not even on talking terms," he said. "Because of some religious"

difference? "Worse than that. A regional difference. One lot is Dundee Indian and the other lot is Glasgow Indian. So they... understood the Scotsman long



the commentators

A step closer to the dictators' treasure chest

group of Swiss bankers and representatives of world Jewry, under the chairmanship of Paul Volcker, the former charman of the Federal Reserve Board, has recently been set up to sort out, once and for all, the fate of the riches entrusted to Swiss bankers by the Jews of Germany and Nazi-occupied Europe before and during the Second World War.

But the commission's importance lies not so much in the historic injustices it may rectify, but in the precedent it sets. It could represent a turning point in international legal history, and an unprecedented opportunity to return to the populations of underdeveloped countries some of the loot phundered by their rulers over the years.

In the past, the Swiss have held with incredible tenacity to their sovereignty in guarding the money the CIA).

The Zurich banks hold much more than wartime gold, says Nicholas Faith thy" successors to a corrupt regime to get their hands on the money

entrusted to them. For years after 1945, they fought a superb diplo-matic and legal battle to prevent the Allies from getting at the enormous sums deposited by individual Nazis - far larger than those of Jewish ori-gin. But their acceptance of the international nature of the Volcker commission shows that they are now sufficiently worried to relinquish a portion of their independence. So anxious are they to give the right, albeit misleading, impression of rectitude that one of their representatives on the commission, Hans Baer, is chairman of the only Swiss bank that did not actively work for and with the Nazis (the bank, Julius Baer, was in fact paymaster for the OSS, the wartime predecessor of

This breach in the citadel provides a precedent, not for unearthing further Jewish or Nazi funds, but for trying to return to their rightful owners the far bigger sums deposited by most of the dictators who have ruled so many

official estimated that a sum equivalent to all the aid distributed to Latin America had been funnelled into Switzerland.

The Swiss have already relented in their previously unbending atticountries in the Third World since tude to the guardianship of such

This could be an opportunity to return plundered loot to underdeveloped countries

1945. The precedent was set by President Juan Peron (don't cry for helpful in a number of cases him Argentina, his money was recently - most notably that of securely tucked away) and he has President Marcos of the Philippines - although they work on a been followed by every tin-pot autocrat you can think of - as early as

the banks now know the identity of the beneficiaries of all the assets (and no one knows how much: we're talking of hundreds, or even thousands of billions of dollars) managed by Swiss banks. It would thus be perfectly possible to extend the work of the Volcker commission to include claims by the dictators' successors to reclaim the assets on behalf of the country involved.

Of course there are innumerable difficulties in putting such an idea into practice. The definition of the people whose assets would be under scrutiny would have to include not only the dictator, his family (and mistresses) but also his closest associates. It would also be ridiculous to allow what one might call "unwor-

THE FORBIDDEN: THINGS A PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE MAY NOT DO.

I'm thinking here of successive the 1960s one cynical World Bank earlier pressure, they also claim that rulers of Nigeria, a country which has provided lots of valuable clients for the banks since independence.

Finally, to prevent the money

being moved elsewhere, the commission would have to have international backing to supervise the same search in other havens for illicit money. None of these including Liechtenstein, the Cayman Islands and the Channel islands - have the same infrastructure, the same tradition or the same reputation as the Swiss. But if a suitable international legal structure could be created, based on the precedent set by the establishment of the Volcker commission, the world's poor could benefit to the extent of sums undreamed of by the world's aid agencies.

The toaster that became a slice of **Eighties life**

Ann Treneman wonders what to do with her Dualit

Sarah Ban Breathnach used to think life had to be perfect. Now she knows it just has to be per-fectly simple. Throw out those shoulder pads, forget the Filofax, downsize the Dualit. The Eighties are dead and finally we know what the Nineties

stand for: simplicity itself.

Breathnach knows this because she's making a mint out of her book. Simple Abundance: A Day Book of Comfort and Joy. This book of essays - don't miss "The Art of Puttering" - has sold more than one million copies in the US and has been near the top of the New York Times best-seller list since April. She is now working on another book. called Authentic Success, at her home in Maryland and I am hoping one of those chapters is going to be entitled "What Do You Do with the Dualit?" This is one of the questions that

haunt as the Eighties fade away. Let's face it, the Dualit toaster for the home was the Eighties. It is oversized. shiny, expensive and wears its label on the outside. It is, as they say, aspirational. The Eighties kitchen counter was cluttered - what with the pasta maker, the espresso machine, the industrial-size juicer - but no one minded clearing the equivalent of a hectare or two for the Dualit.

The others are now safely out of sight but the Dualit remains. After all it was more of an investment than an appliance: downsizing the toaster is just too ruthless. Here we begin to show some similarities to the tribe in the South Seas that is rumoured to worship a washing machine. Could it be the Dualit is also divine?

Other Eighties relies are easy to dis-pose of. Off the coast of New Jersey some inventive souls are recycling tyres by sticking them together with concrete and dropping them into the ocean to make a "reef". Shoulder pads could be sunk in this way too. Filofaxes are worth saving for the leather alone (remember, BSE Britain could be

cow-less in a decade).

A Dualit reef is unthinkable, Clearly we need another strategy. I turned to the Conran Shop for advice. Its spokeswoman, Bridget Bodoano, is a Dualit-owner herself: "I think the thing to do is to carry on using it. It's such a good thing. They are just timei de sivilsi al K*iichens, Bedroom*s and Bathrooms magazine also assures me its curves are fashionable.

"We're selling them like hot cakes." says Ms Bodoano. "Have you seen they are doing colours?" Dualit, still a family business based in south London, provides hue details: now you can toast in Canary Yellow, Cohalt Blue, Mint Green or something called Utility Cream.

So this is what you do: update, Or you could just grin and bear it - making sure that Alessi tea kettle is also visible - and wait for the Eighties revival. It won't be long and I'm sure Ms Breathnach would agree that's the

A devil of a game to play

Casting Tony Blair as the devil may backfire on the Tories, but should Labour ignore it or reply in kind?

o understand the reference point for the Tories' latest anti-Labout newspaper advertisement, it is worth tuning into The Stand, the watchably vacuous Stephen King TV mini-series. The high point of the series's supernatural hocum is a diabolic figure who looks normal except that his eyes, like those of Tony Blair in the ad, turn into piercing crimson orbs whenever he meets resistance to his will. On the cover of the King novel It, similarly menacing red eyes stare out from a street drain. Consciously or not, Brian Mawhimney, the Tory chairman, and his advertising guru Maurice Saatchi are using the visual idiom of

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the master of best-selling junk horror. The depiction of Tony Blair as Stephen King super-villain is a new low point, even in an age of increasingly negative US-derived campaigning. For even the most tendentious and arily negative advertisements during previous British and American campaigns have been about something a policy, such as Clinton's economic record in Arkansas, or a decision, such as that taken by Michael Dukakis to parole a black convict. But Sunday's advertisement in three national newspapers doesn't attack Labour ou

Tory campaigners maintain that they are just setting the context, and that the specifics, some of which were laid out in the party's equally Stephen King-like party political broadcast last month, will be followed up later. Nevertheless, the brief text of Sunday's advertisement brutally rips out of context some remarks by Clare Short in her interview with the New Statesman last week. Ms Short did indeed say that it was "dangerous" for Labour to depict itself as utterly different from Labour in the past. That may be damaging to Mr Blair's interests, but the danger Ms Short had in mind was that of losing the election. To use the concept of "danger" as the Tories currently do about Labour, Ms Short's fear about the impact Labour policies may have on the country is, if anything, that they won't be dangerous enough. In the hard-boiled world of political



advertising, that criticism will no doubt be airily dismissed as hopelessly highminded. Tory campaign managers believe that one fault of the Bush 1992 strategy was that it wasn't negative enough. There was a tendency, they say, among Republican spin doctors to criticise Clinton for "flip flops", the transatlantic equivalent of the U-turn. The danger of that is that if you

accuse your opponent of a U-turn, you are really saying to the voters little

Opinion polls show an overwhelming hostility to the Tories' strategy

more than that he got it wrong before but that now he's got it broadly right. This is rather what Bob Dole has just done in response to President Clin-ton's decision to allow through the Republicans' welfare Bill. By contrast, the Tories did not use that tactic at a moment when they might have - on Tony Blair's decision to hold devolution referendums on Wales and Scotland. U-turns are benign corrections of previous errors. They certainly don't frighten the electors. And that is what Dr Mawhinney is determined

The question is, how should Labour respond? It will resist the temptation to ignore it altogether. Opinion poll findings on the "New Labour, New Danger" strategy, of which Sunday's advertisement was an integral part, show overwhelming hostility to it. So, too, did an instant series of 50 inter-

views carried out for Labour in central London yesterday morning - 40 per cent said it made them less favourable to the Tories and only 4 per cent more so. But what people say about an advertisement is only part of the story of how they respond to it. Even Tory strategists admit privately that Blair scores much more highly than John Major as a strong leader, but they claim that his rating as reliable and honest is not as high. If they can translate his strength into something demonic, farfetched as it may seem, then they will have succeeded. The fact that the voters don't see Blair as dangerous is pre-cisely a reason, in the minds of Tory campaigners, for trying to make him

So Labour should hit back. But how? As it happens, the lines of its potentially most successful strategy are already clear. In the next few days, billboards will go up both in the UK and ular holiday destination - in Spain, denouncing "The Same Old Tories, the Same Old Lies".

There is a risk in this strategy because it cuts across one of the older conventional wisdoms of campaigning. that by defending yourself against claims made by your opponents, for example on tax or law and order, you help to give credence to those claims. But part of the failure of the Kinnock campaign in 1992 was that if you don't rebut the claims early enough they are more likely to stick.

But the second point is that however technically powerful a campaign it mounts, Labour shouldn't reply in kind. Interestingly, only a minority (20 per cent) of electors interviewed for Labour in yesterday's sample thought that the party should respond at all; but even they thought it should do so in a different tone. If it doesn't base its own campaign in solid fact, it can't make an issue of the techniques that the Tories are using. And by making an issue out of the Tories' campaign, it may strike a chord with an electorate deeply cynical about the

claims of all politicians. Nor is this just a matter of Sunday's depressingly content-free advertise-



THE WOULD-BE MAP'S GUIDE: PACETIOUS ILLUSTRATIONS FOUNDED ON PACTS.

Top of the Wustrated London News's 1910 list of tactics forbidden to parliamentary candidates: The candidate may not call his opponent a liar. or slander him in any way ...'

Labour candidate meant that the party was threatening the monarchy. As Frank Dobson pointed out, it no more does that than a recent article by a Tory candidate proposing "MonWatch" - a body to regulate the monarchy.

article yesterday by Peter Mandelson,

ment. Michael Portillo implied ves- Mr Blair "will not be dragged down

According to an Evening Standard head of Labour's election campaign,

terday that a Fabian pamphlet by a into the Tories' gutter" and will instead focus on "Labour's message about the country's future". It remains to be seen how far Labour carries out these brave words in practice. But it is probably in its own interests - as well as that of the national political debate - for it do so. There is some high ground here, which Conservative Central Office seems hell-bent on vacating.

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Todern architecture the Western Front and to the Spanish 'flu epidemic that swept mercilessly through Europe in the wake of the First World War. Modern architecture offered a clean, white and brave new world. It was a radical covenant between architect and society in which hygiene, sanitoria, sunbathing and swimming played key roles, where windows were big to let in healthy daylight, living accommodation was raised off the sullied ground on stripped classical pillars that Le Corbusier (Charles-Edouard Jeanneret, 1887-1965), the greatest of all Moderns, called 'piloti", and in which all forms of decorative excess recalling the decadent culture that had led to the slaughter of the Somme, were put away.

Modern architecture was, thus, a kind of tabula rusa, a cultural Year Zero, a second Renaissance with Corb its Palladio and Mies (Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, 1886-1969) its mystic master: "Less is more" said the Bauhaus architect as he built some of the century's most severe and enigmatically

beautiful buildings.
Zealous iconoclasts took up the Modernist battle cry, "form follows function", a misreading of the famous dictum of Louis Sullivan (1856-1924).

the Chicago architect musing in Aristotelian manner, on the way in which the natural world adopts myriad particular forms to express its manifold functions. To many Mod-ernists, functionalism meant machine culture, an ultimately soulless creed.

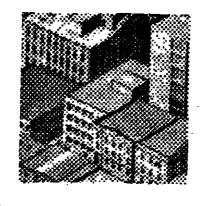
Evelyn Waugh was quick to satirise this new breed of designer in the character of Otto Friedrich Silenus in Decline and Fall (1928), picking up on Le Corbusier's famous and widely misinterpreted dictum, "the house is a machine for living in" (Vers une Archi-tecture, 1923). Professor Silenus attracts the attention of the incurably fashionable Margot Beste-Chetwynde, owner of King's Thursday, the finest Tudor house in England, with the rejected design for a chewing-gum factory published in a progressive Hungarian quarterly. The Tudor house is replaced by the factory. The problem of architecture as I see it," explains Silenus, "is the problem of all art - the climination of the human element from consideration of form."

Up to a point Wangh was spot-on. When humourless zeal was combined with iconoclastic posturing (Le Cor-busier dreamt of demolishing Paris north of the Seine, replacing it with a grid of geometric skyscrapers), humans were sentenced to live in con-



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crete and steel termites' nests. Modern architects were widely influenced by abstract art, atonal music and the aeroplane; yet, in trying to break away from architecture's earthbound restraints, they were expecting too much of the majority of people who, unlike them, took comfort in the past, in decoration, brick, stone and old street patterns. Modern architecture was a crusade striking out highmindedly for a new Jerusalem, but most people just wanted to stay at home.

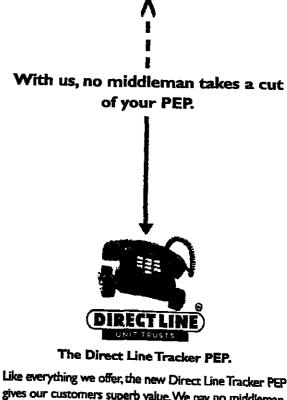
In Europe, Modernism was a faith; in the United States it was simply a style. American architects were not burdened with the philosophical principles and sociological concerns of Le Corbusier and Professor Silenus. For them, Modern architecture, or "International Style", was all about glamour, elegant, open-plan buildings, refined materials, making a buck and having a ball.

Modern architecture arrived late in Britain, becoming the norm only after the Festival of Britain (1951). At first it was wholesome, but not much fun. Then it was taken up by developers and government agencies who liked it because, stripped to structural basics, Modern buildings were quick to build. The British confused Modern with cheap, while the most avant-garde

Fifties' architects (too selfimportant to be kidding) labelled themselves "Brutalists" and designed wilfully ugly buildings at great expense. The reaction to Modernism began with conservationists (John Betjeman wrote an essay on The Death of Mod-

ernism" in a 1929 number of the Architectural Review), but was given focus among architects by Robert Venturi's (b 1925) polemic Complexity and Contradiction in Architec-ture (1966), in which the American architect declared "Less is a Bore", the rallying cry of Post-Modernism. Post-Modernism (anything goes. especially overblown classical details and unfunny visual "jokes") encouraged a rash of new "isms" (Deconstructivism Minimalism) and "wasms" (Neo-Classicism, second time round), but has played itself out, while Modernism has mutated and progressed into new forms of architecture ranging from the lustrons Hi-Tech of Sir Norman Foster and Sir Richard Rogers to the sophisticated concrete sculpture of Japan's Tadao Ando. The Modern Movement may have died the death of a thou sand cuts, but Modern architecture waltzes intriguingly into an unknown and end-

lessly fascinating future.



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£50m bid underlines Sainsbury's US ambitions

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J Sainsbury underlined its ambitions in the United States vesterday when it confirmed it is in talks with Dutch retailer Royal Ahold to buy a dozen stores in Connecticut for an estimated £50mL

The deal includes 12 stores and two sites and comes just a week after Sainsbury increased its stake in Giant Foods of Washington to almost 20 per cent. That deal, worth \$62m, is seen as the prelude to an eventual takeover of the whole chusetts though it has also exgroup which would cost Sainspanded into Rhode Island, New panded bury around £1.2bn.

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"Sainsbury has set its stall out to expand in the US in the same way as Tesco has targeted Europe, one analyst said.

The acquisition of the Connecticut supermarkets was widely expected as part of Royal Abold's recent purchase of the Stop & Shop chain on America's East Coast. Sainsbury will conduct the deal through its Boston-based Shaw's subsidiary whose stronghold is in Massa-

lampshire and more recently, Vermont. The stores will be changed to the Shaw's name.

Some analysis have questioned Sainsbury's expansion into the US where margins and returns are lower and the supermarket operators, which are regional rather than national, do not have the same bargaining power with food manufacturers. But others say there is scope for Sainsbury to bring its UK

skills to bear on the sector by

gins with the introduction of more own-label lines.

Shaw's, which Sainsbury acquired in 1987, has been performing well over the past two years with strong sales and improving margins. Shaw's penetration of own-label lines stands at 40 per cent of total sales, though this is still lower than the 60 per cent penetration in Sainsbury's UK stores.

Sainsbury is expected to buy the remainder of Giant within

last November at the age of 83. The finance director, another octogenarian, recently retired.

However, before Sainsbury makes a large US acquisition it is under pressure to improve its performance in the UK where it has been losing ground to rivals Tesco, Safeway and Asda. The company had cause to cheer yesterday with new figures suggesting that following the launch of its Reward loyalty card

market research group AGB, Sainsbury's market share rose to 21.1 per cent in July, up from 20.6 per cent in June and 20.1 per cent in May.

Tesco's market share fell to 22 per cent in July down from 22.8 per cent in June. The Reward card has 5.5 million cardholders and is adding new members at the rate

of 100,000 a week.

However, some City analysis say he sales increases are not enough to cover the costs of administering the card. Sainsbury has already said that increased costs, including the launch of the card, will affect its interim profits due in October.

Nat West Securities' indicative forecast suggests that Sainsbury's half year profits will fall by around 9 per cent to £412-£420m compared with £451m in Sainsbury said: "It's early f420m compared with f451m days yet, but the loyalty card is the same period last year.

Inflation at lowest level for a decade

MAGNUS GRIMOND

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, was yesterday handed further ammunition to fend off Bank of England pressure for higher interest rates after underlying factory gate inflation in July hit its lowest level for decades.

Official figures showed the cost of industry's raw materials grew by 2.2 per cent last month, down 0.1 per cent on June, while the prices charged at the factory gate grew by 2.2 per cent, compared with 2.5 per cent the previous month. Stripping out volatile items, defined as food, drink, tobacco and petrol, the underlying input price fall was the biggest for nearly 10 years, while the increase in output prices was the smallest since November 1967.

The figures were described as "excellent" by analysis, who said they provided further good news for the Chancellor on retail prices, with the July index due to be announced on Thursday. Adam Cole, economist at HSBC Markets, said the data showed minimal price pressures on both the input and out-put side. Furthermore, he suggested that with producer output prices being a lead indicator of retail price inflation, "it looks as if the market is likely to be pleasantly surprise by the RPI data at the end of this year and the beginning of next".

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Morgan Stanley economist Kevin Gardiner said the latest figures were not enough to justify a further rate cut, but they should help Mr Clarke fend off calls from the Bank of England for higher rates "for a good few

months yet".

He will be buttressed by news today of a slowdown in high street sales in July. A survey by the British Retail Consortium showing sales growth slipping to an annual rate of 5.4 per cent in July from 7 per cent in June has led to a call for restraint on any rise in interest rate rises. Andrew Sentance, chief adviser to the BRC, describes the underlying trend of retail sales as healthy. The slowdown should allay fears that consumer spending is rising too strongly. "Calls for higher interest rates to head off infla-

to say the least." The fall in July output prices monthly fall, the only string of such declines since the series began in 1963. Core output prices dipped by 0.1 percentage points on the month to 1.5 per cent.

Hotels flotation signals early Lonrho break-up TOM STEVENSON of a minority stake in Metropole Hotels which Tiny Rowland had which would then become the been taken badly by the market largest shareholder, and effective and the company is trading at a

City Editor

The break-up of Lonrho could he complete within three months, well ahead of the schedule set out in June when the demerger was first announced.

The conglomerate announced vesterday it would be selling its Metropole to Princess hotels arm next month and it is understood the planned separation of the remaining mining and African trading operations could

The double demerger, which will mark the completion of chief executive Dieter Bock's dismemberment of former Lonrho boss Tiny Rowland's fiefdom, was given a significant boost by confirmation of the proposed hotels sale.

Proceeds of a planned in-ternational public offering of shares in Princess Metropole Hotels, estimated at between £600m and £800m, will all but wipe out Lonrho's debts, clearing the final hurdle to the subsequent sale of the agriculture. food processing and car distribution businesses.

Lonrho's debts are estimated at £830m, boosted by the £251m Lonrho to the Anglo-American acquisition, completed last week. Corporation of South Africa. shareholder value, has actually

sold to the Libyan government in 1992. It has not yet been decided exactly how much debt will be transferred to Princess Metropole but it is expected to be given a strong capital base to fund its development plans af-

ter the flotation. Current Lonrho shareholders are expected to be given priority on applications for a proportion of Princess Metropole's shares. They will not, however, be offered a discount. All shares are to be is-

sued at one price for all investors. Following the demerger, the group will be headed by chief executive Martin Bolland who joined Lonrho in 1981 as a head office accountant. Between 1983 and 1985 he ran Princess Hotels in New York and then moved to Metropole where he was man-

aging director.
Peter Harper, a non-executive of Lonrho since 1993 and currently director of parliamentary affairs at Hanson, is to be the company's non-executive chairman.

The second demerger will trigger the placing of Dieter Bock's 18.5 per cent stake in

parent, of the rump Lonrho mining business. Analysts expect Lourbo, which controls some of the world's richest gold and platinum mines, will ultimately

be bid for by Anglo. Mr Bock plans to use the proceeds of selling his Loncho stake, worth £240m at the current share price, to pay off personal debts and to invest enough in the African trading business, which he will head up, to take a stake of between 20 and 25 per cent.

A prospectus for the sale of the hotels business, which includes 5 Metropole conference hotels in the UK and 10 luxury resorts in the US, Mexico and the Caribbean, is due to be issued in the first week of September followed by a book building oper-ation and first dealings towards the end of the month.

News of the offer sent Lonrho's shares 3p higher yesterday at 171p, reversing a steady decline this year from a high of 217p in February. As with Hanson, which is also in the throes of breaking itself up, the announcement of the demerger, which is designed to enhance

substantial discount to some estimates of its break-up value.

Analysts believe, however, that the timing of the hotels sale is astute, in the middle of the most buoyant period for the industry since it emerged from the slump in international travel in the wake of the Gulf War. The sector has attracted plenty of stockmarket interest this year, with the take-over of Forte by Granada and the flotations of Macdonald Hotels, Millennium & Copthorne and Jarvis.

Princess Metropole has a good trading record, with opergrowing from £17m to £42m. Analysts believe it provides an unusual exposure to specialist niches, such as the profitable conference market, a good ge-ographical spread and a significant potential to expand its

existing hotels.

Lonrho plans to hold on to its African hotels, which include safari lodges in Kenya and beach botels in Mauritius. Princess Metropole will, however, have an arms length contract to manage



Double demerger: The dismemberment by Dieter Bock (above) of the former Lonrho boss Tiny Rowland's fieldom has been given a significant boost by confirmation of the proposed hotels sale

£25m Sorrell share option jackpot within reach at

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Martin Sorrell, head of WPP and potentially the highest paid advertising executive in Britain, last night stood on the verge of triggering the second tranche of a controversial share incentive awarded at 265p and 304p.

scheme worth up to £25m. reached last month, and must

initial block of 1.1 million shares. A second lot of 1.6 million shares will be awarded if the shares reach and remain above 230p, again for 60 days. Thereafter, further shares would be

The shares rose 7p yesterday to 221p, just 9p below the second trigger, after the company charge of 35 per cent, against last year's 41 per cent, helped fuel the rise. "We are now The first target, 198p, was to 221p, just 9p below the sec-

set last year.

These were very good results indeed," said one leading analyst, who revised his full-year expectations to above £150m. Mr Sorrell said a lower tax

international scope," he said. Revenues were up by 10 per

cent, with net new business totalling £587m in the half. "We are particularly pleased that our revenues have increased by 10 per cent while our staff costs were up only 3 per cent," Mr Sorrell said. "That means our productivity is improving."

hopes to see this rise to 11 per cent by the end of the year. "I am still looking at our main competitors, whose margins are higher, and know we must do

better." he said. Both the main international agencies, Ogilvy & Mather and J Walter Thomson, reported strong revenue growth in the

hold for 60 consecutive days announced sharply higher more in line with the tax charges Operating margins were 10.2 quarter, helped by new business said prospects were good for the before Mr Sorrell receives his interim profits of £68m and ex- of most companies with our per cent, and the company from large clients such as IBM, rest of 1996 but that he con-Kodak and Kimberley Clark. Hill & Knowlton, the public

relations company, returned to the black, following several quarters of disappointing performance. Mr Sorrell said the company ought to see its margins improve markedly from the current 3 per cent. Looking ahead, Mr Sorreli

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Microsoft gives Apple a bite of the action

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In a remarkable departure from traditional business strategy. Microsoft has begun offering a discreet helping hand to software writers developing Internet programs for its oldarch-

enemy. Apple Computers.
Microsoft has quietly set up a special unit of experts familiar with Apple's Macintosh operating system to oversee the project at a location in San Jose, California, just a few miles from Apple's corporate headquarters in Cupertino. About 60 people will

Given Microsoft's historical rivalry with Apple, the initiative seems haffling. But the compa-ny wants to help keep Apple alive because without it Microsoft believes it would be vulnerable to new anti-competitive inquiries by the federal government.

to reverse a slump in its fortunes, marked by unprecedented losses and a rapid erosion in its world market share. Exploiting the Internet is the cor-

gaged on projects for Apple. Writers can now develop pro-

Amelio, Apple has tried this year

ways write programs for its own Windows system when also en-

Under the leadership of its Mac system. The change in at-new chief executive, Gilbert titude says as much about the titude says as much about the new confidence of Microsoft -

nerstone of the rescue effort. The new Microsoft unit, the existence of which only surfaced at a MacWorld trade show last week, even has the authority to

offer unconditional grants of up to \$100,000 to software writers producing Internet programs exclusively for the Mac system. In the meantime, Microsoft, founded by Bill Gates, has dropped the traditional requirement that software writers linked to the company should al-

grams aimed solely for the

single digits. Don Bradford, a Macintosh

quoted as saying that his mission is 10 "help make sure that Apple's market share stays between 8 and 11 per cent". Mr Bradford recently admit ted to the Wall Street Journal that

which has changed tack to focus on the Internet - as about the parlous state of Apple. Windows is now the operating system used on about 80 per cent of all personal computers in the world. But Apple has seen its own market share dive into

developer who is running the new Microsoft unit, has been

worries about pressure from competition regulators in the government may be behind Microsoft's move. He added that Microsoft could not "forget the Justice Department".

Inspectors revolt against plans to close tax offices

The union representing tax inspectors and Inland Revenue staff yesterday launced a national campaign against plans to close up to 100 local tax offices. The Public Services, Tax and

Commerce Union (PTC) claimed that the proposed programme of closures threatened taxpayers and the lawyers. accountants and other firms advising them with severe cuts in services at a time when the introduction of self-assessment was placing a greater burden and responsibility on up to 9

million taxpayers. It said that almost all the offices earmarked for closure were in small or medium-sized towns, with many in rural areas. As a result, many taxpayers and their advisers would be faced with travelling great distances for tax advice and information. In addition, the ap-proximately 70 staff in each office would face either redeployment or redundancy.

The union, which has already been protesting locally over the issue, added that the Revenue had yesterday an-nounced the closure of a pioneering helpline to save money, despite the service being enormously successful.

helpline was always envisaged as a pilot exercise and was being shut simply because its

2002. The programme stems from the greater integration of the Revenue's assessment and collection roles made possible The Revenue said that the Norwich-based telephone by new technology. A Revenue spokesman stressed that a decision had not yet been reached, though it is understood that submissions made by regional directors will be considered and decided upon next month

year of operation had been completed. It confirmed PTC claims that the helpline had received up to 600 calls a day and said that the information gained about the numbers of callers, types of query and the special training required by staff would be of great use when

affected by the plans and said it was keeping the situation other special services, such as under review. स्वर्षक <u>स्थ</u>ार्थक -0.10 0.6348 -0.04 0 6361

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'If Labour is serious about curbing boardroom excess, it faces difficult choices. Shareholder pressure is never going to provide a complete

answer when those running the investment institutions are so highly paid themselves!

abour's energetic environment spokesman, Frank Dobson, is constantly working himself into a frenzy on all kinds of things, but when it comes to the pay of water bosses he turns almost apoplectic. Yes-terday was no exception, as he revealed his latest "research" showing water executives swimming in a £20m pay bonanza. "The privatised water bosses are shameless in their greed," thundered a Labour press release.

But 20 pages and a lot of suitably outrageous statistics later, Mr Dobson was no nearer to saying what he, or indeed Labour as a whole, would do to curb boardroom excess. In fact, this document did not advance a single suggestion or policy initiative, despite an election being, at most, months away. Mr Dobson also had little to say about the failings of the Greenbury code – which itself seems to have had virtually no impact on the upwards march of top rates of pay. One of

the code's few obvious advances is to make

top pay more transparent, providing Mr Dob-

son and others with the ammunition they

need. Yet it's already clear that you cannot shame executives into paying themselves less.

Labour's one definite policy for the utilities—a windfall profits tax—would raise revenue, but it would have no direct impact on pay. If Labour is serious about curbing boardroom excess, it faces difficult choices. Shareholder pressure is never going to provide a complete answer when those running the investment institutions are so highly paid

on pay, perhaps with the involvement of regulators, would also be a non-starter given lators, would also be a non-starter given labour's passionate embrace of free decided in the next few weeks, if not days. Labour's passionate embrace of free market economics.

Which leaves higher taxes for higher earners as the only realistic alternative. If utility bosses want to roll around in cash and bonus shares, they should pay more tax, it's as simple as that. It may not raise much for the public purse (increasing the top rate of tax to 60 per cent for those earning more than£100,000 would only bring in an extra £1bn, and things tail off sharply if the income threshold is higher), but it might correct the problem.

Can we expect such an obvious solution to become Labour policy? Er...well, we in 'New Labour" don't want to damage the aspirational middle classes, you understand, nor do we want to penalise genuine entre-preneurial success with new high-band tax rates for the super rich. Until Mr Dobson can come up with some decent proposals, his comments carry no more weight than the rantings of the local pub bore.

Linking those cables could shake up Sky

When it comes to consolidation for the fledgling cable industry, the question is not so much whether as when. We have the investment institutions are so highly paid seen the first stirrings, in the form of themselves. Some kind of statutory control Telewest's acquisition of SBC CableComms

If you want to roll in bonuses – pay more tax

But the big one is yet to come - the merger of the first and second companies in the market, Telewest and Nynex CableComms. It is really an open secret that a merger has been under discussion for some months, slowed down by the drawn out marriage vows of Nynex père in the US with Bell Atlantic, and the prickly personality of Alan Michels, the

outgoing Telewest chief.

There is now only one obstacle. It involves Telewest's parent companies, US West and TCI International. Both are keen to maintain their presence in the UK cable market and each wants to find a way of engineer ing a merger without losing the ability to consolidate their shareholdings in the parent

company accounts.

Does all this consolidation make sense? Probably. At the start, the only way to encourage the building of expensive cable networks (likely to be worth £10bn when completed at the end of the decade) was to have lots and lots of players - US telephone companies and European utility giants among them. Now, the real challenge is to develop efficient operations and a better marketing strategy. Both goals would be served by consolidation.

Cable, once it is in the ground, is about billing systems, technical support, market-

the water and electricity companies have already begun to prove. Even better for the prospects of a competitive economy, big cable operators might be able to afford to create or buy programming to compete with Rupert Murdoch's near-monopoly, his pay-

TV giant, BSkyB. In any case, consolidation of this industry would not be anti-competitive because, under the cable franchise system, there is no choice of operator. Your address dictates your supplier. Efficient and robust cable companies might actually compete more effectively with the main rivals - BT for telephony and Sky for pay-TV - and that can only be good for the customer.

City treads carefully towards floated hotels

Operating with clockwork efficiency, Dieter Bock is not just meeting the tar-get dates for Lonrho's dismemberment but beating them by a handsome margin. At this rate, Tiny Rowland's disparate empire will have been neatly packaged up and sold off by November and he will have more than accomplished the job he took on three years ago in very different circumstances.

He is right to be pressing ahead with such urgency. The approach of the general election is bound to take the edge off the maring and product. Having bigger companies | ket's appetite for new equity and the buoy-helps spread the operating costs around, as | ancy of the hotel industry cannot last for

pany's plans with no more enthusiasm than it has already shown this year for Hanson's urge to demerge.

Breaking up is meant to create value for shareholders as companies bow to the market's demand for "focus". Unfortunately, the evidence so far is that the end of the conelomerate is actually accelerating the City's

distrust of these companies.

The 21 per cent decline in Lonrho's share price this year to 171p is a harsh assessment of the company's progress to date and yesterday's uptick was a pretty grudging nod of approval in the light of analysts' estimates of a break-up value of perhaps 226p. The estimated proceeds of the sale of the hotels will more than wipe out what advisers have called the £500m hole in Lonrho's balance sheet and turn it from a heavy cash drain into something rather more enticing to investors.

So why the uncertainty?

The flotation is well-timed and gives investors exposure to the sort of pure hotel play that vanished when Granada acquired Forte earlier in the year. With an equal split between the UK and US markets, both of which are booming at the moment, a good price is in prospect. The problem lies not with Lonrho itself but with Mr Bock's 18 per cent stake, which he has the right to sell to Anglo-American for 180p. Mr Bock should confirm on the record that he has no intention of exercising his put option which has come to act like a ceiling on the share price.

Recs blow a fuse as US predator finds new target

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

Takeover speculation surrounding the regional electricity companies was dampened yesterday after Houston Industries, one of the big US utility companies to be tipped as a potential predator, announced an agreed £2.5bn deal to buy a US gas supplier.

The news led to a sharp drop in the shares of the five UK regional electricity firms which remain independent. East Midlands Electricity, which has been at the centre of recent bid rumours with Houston mentioned as a possible buyer, fell

Electricity shed 8p to 640p.
It is the second time in two weeks that US utility firms have in effect ruled themselves out of bidding for British regional electricity companies.

Last week Dominion Resources, the parent company of Virginia Electric and Power, was reportedly blocked from bidding for East Midlands by US regu-

Houston, which owns the

Houston Lighting and Power joint bid for Norweb, the re-Company and is the US's ninthlargest electricity company by sales, said it had signed an agreement to buy NorAm Energy, a Houston-based supplier

of natural gas.

The deal, which requires approval from shareholders and regulators, would create a combined gas and electricity utility worth around £9bn with almost 4 million customers. NorAm is the third-biggest natural gas supplier in the US.

Analysts suggested the Houston deal, which should be completed by next March, greatly reduced the chances of the company buying a British utility. 8p to 593p. Yorkshire Electric-ity shares dropped 12p to close the day at 727p, while London

A buyer for East Midlands, which is widely considered to be one of the most efficient regional electricity firms, would probably have to pay around £1.5bn. Adam Forsyth, an electricity analyst with NatWest Markets, said: "It certainly makes it less likely that Houston will do something in the UK. There are still other US utility firms around who could launch takeover bids, but I've felt for perhaps a month that the

chances are receding. Houston last year launched a



don Electricity, while Central and South West went on to take over Seeboard. Apart from Seeboard, two other UK regional electricity firms have been acquired by US companies: Sweb by the Southern Company of Atlanta, and Midlands by Avon Energy Partners, a combination of General Public Utilities of New Jersey

to a hostile £1.8bn bid from North West Water, to form

United Utilities. Bid speculation later linked Houston with Lou-

and Ohio-based Cinergy. Houston's chairman, Don Jordan, said the takeover of NorAm would enable the combined group to offer customers bundled electricity and gas products as the two markets converged. "This acquisition will substantially strengthen Houston Industries' strategic position given these rapid changes in the industry.



Feeling the squeeze: The NYSE is looking for a larger home Photograph: Edward Webb

NYSE to ring changes with a new address

The famous Greek-columned monolith that has been home to
the New York Stock Exchange Instead, discussions have on the corner of Wall Street and Broad Street in downtown Manhattan for 93 years may soon be echoing to the sounds of pushchairs and exercise machines instead of the ring of the bell that opens and closes trading sessions, writes David Usborne.

Plans that came to light for the first time yesterday envisage the departure of the NYSE to a new and more modern facility and the redevelopment of its existing home into an upmarket condominium complex.

The NYSE has reportedly concluded that the building, constructed in 1903 by the architect George Post, is too small and too dilapidated to adequately serve its needs into the next century. Recently, there has been a sudden spurt in growth in the NYSE's membership

and its trading volume. It does not appear, however, that the NYSE would consider moving out of Manhattan or of decision to locate elsewhere, for instance in New Jersey, would be a body-blow to New York, which was recently forced to offer generous incentives to persuade the cotton and cocoa

exchanges to build new offices

already begun on identifying a new site for the exchange with in the district's bounds. Among those approached is Donald Trump, the development morul who is proposing to back a new exchange building on two piers south of the South Street Seaport. The ever-ambitious Mr Trump is also proposing to build the world's tallest tower as part of the same develop-

Fran Reiter, New York's deputy mayor for economic development, confirmed the NYSE's thinking to the New York Post: "They need more space. We've told them that we will endeavour to help them in way Yemma, spokesman for the NYSE, said that the exchange was in "the early stages of ex-amining several possibilities".

Another possible site for the new exchange could be at 2 Broadway, where a virtually empty office tower, recently its historical financial district. A auctioned to a Russian emigré, stands. Any such large construction project could provide a considerable economic boost to the area, which has been burdened in recent years by an exodus of firms.

IN BRIEF

• Western Resources boosted its stake in London-listed ADT in a move that may foreshadow an attempt to block Republic Industries planned acquisition of North America's largest electronic security company. Kansas-based Western increased its holding to 24.0 per cent from 23.1 per cent, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Western said soon after Republic's offer for Bermuda-based ADT last month that it might oppose the transaction, leading to speculation that Western also

From our standpoint, (ADT) provides a natural growth strategy," George Norton, a Western Resources spokesman, said. He declined to elaborate beyond the company's SEC filing, which said the company is "still considering its options" on the Republic

and ADT agreement.

A spokesman for Republic, which is controlled by billionaire
H. Wayne Huizenga, declined to comment as did ADT. Republic,
which has interests in waste disposal, electronic security and usedcar superstores, plans to buy ADT for \$3,98bn in stock and ascar superstores, plans to buy ADT for \$3,98bn in stock and assumed debt. The combined companies would have 1.6 million security customers and estimated sales next year of \$5 billion. ADT's shares fell \$5/8 to \$19 5/8 on the news. They have traded as high as \$22 7/8 since the merger announcement.

Bayer, the German chemicals giant, said six months to June pre-tax profit climbed 13.4 per cent to DM2.72bn from DM2.40bn a year earlier. Net profit in the half rose 15.9 per cent to DM1.55bn on sales of DM24.80bn, up 7 pct on a year earlier. The company reiterated that it expects full-year sales to climb 6 per cent and pre-tax profit to rise 10 per cent from last year's levels. In 1995, pre-tax profit to rise 10 per cent from last year's levels. In 1995, pre-tax profit of DM2.42bn and DM 4.18bn at the

• Henkel, the German detergents group, said group pre-tax profit climbed 5 per cent to DM397m in the six months to June from DM378m a year earlier. Sales climbed 13.1 per cent to DM8.04bn, largely as a result of the first-time consolidation of the majority stake in cosmetics maker Hans Schwarzkopf, which Henkel acquired from Hoechst. "In view of the economic outlook for the second half of 1990, we are confident we will be able to meet our sales and earnings targets for the whole year," Henkel said.

 John Menzies has acquired Heathcote books, the book wholesaling subsidiary of WH Smith for an undisclosed sum. Menzies has conducted the deal through Total Home Entertainment, its books, video and multimedia wholesaling division.

• Bridon said it has sold its marine division to The Rope Company, parent company of Mariow Ropes, for an initial consider-pany, parent company of Mariow Ropes, for an initial consider-tion of £4.7 million. Bridon marine manufactures and distributes fibre ropes, buoys and other flotation equipment.

Singapore's economy grew by only 7 per cent in the second quarter of 1996 compared to 9.2 per cent during that period last year, due to falling demand for electronics goods worldwide. The growth in the gross domestic product was the lowest for any quarter state. ter since 1992, when the economy grew by 6 per cent for the en-tire year. The Ministry of Trade and Industry said the slackening of electronics sector rubbed off on the manufacturing sector, which of electronics sector rubbed off on the manufacturing sector, which grew by 6.3 per cent in the second quarter compared to 13.9 per cent in the first quarter. The total GDP growth in the first three cent in the first quarter. The total GDP growth in the first three cent in the first quarter. The total GDP growth in the first three cent in the first quarter.

Threatened strike by pilots costs BAA £10m

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

The threatened all-out strike by British Airways pilots contributed to a fall in passenger numbers at Heathrow last month, according to the air-

port's operator, BAA.

The company, which operates
Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, estimated that, compared with July last year, 75,000 fewer passengers used its airports last month because of the planned industrial action.

The strike was to have begun in the second week in July, but was called off after the pilots' union reached agreement with British Airways management. The disruption has reportedly cost the company £10m. BAA said that worried passengers had re-booked to travel through

Amsterdam and Frankfurt. Some 5.3 million passengers ed Heathrow last month, a fall of 0.3 per cent over the previous year. But discounting the impact of the strike, and the fact that July this year included four rather than five weekends, volumes at Heathrow would

have risen by 1.5 per cent. BAA said Heathrow was also depressed by British Airways' policy-shift away from offering many heavily discounted seats. BAA's research director Stan Maiden said: "Scheduled airlines are recognising that they can make more money by raising their incomes, rather than putting on extra capacity, which they have to sell at a discount. We expect this situation to continue through August."

A drop in charter passengers has taken its toll on traditional

package holiday airports, such as Glasgow and Gatwick. There was a 14.6 per cent fall in charter passengers as tour operators cut capacity to try to repair bat-tered profit margins after a series of damaging price wars. Glasgow Airport was worst hit, with passenger numbers falling

by 7.4 per cent. Overall, BAA's passenger volumes rose by 1.3 per cent to 9.7 million. The biggest increase was at Stansted, with a 17 per cent rise in July to half a million. Travel to the Irish Republic was the main factor, helped by new Aer Lingus services at the airport.

BAA said that at Gatwick there was 54 per cent more seat capacity to Ireland than in July last year. Mr Maiden said: "In terms of the Republic, there is a lot of positive feedback from

Goeltz guits NatWest for top post at Amex in US

JOHN WILLCOCK

Richard Goeltz yesterday resigned as chief financial officer of Nat West Bank to return to his native United States as vicechairman of American Express,

the credit card company. He will start his new job in September. Mr Goeltz, 53, joined Nat-West in February 1992 from Seaman, the entertainment conglomerate, in New York.

He arrived at a time when the bank was suffering badly from the effects of recession in the UK. Its American retail arm, NatWest Bancorp, lost over £150m in the two years to 1992 while the UK high street oper-ation lost over £100m in that

Mr Goeltz's tenure has seen the American arm move back to profit and sold off for £2.3bn, while the UK side has also recovered strongly. Nat West Markets, the in-

vestment banking arm formerly known as County Nat West, was threatened with closure by the bank about the time Mr Goeltz arrived-Under new chief executive Martin Owen it now forms a main plank of the group's expansion plans. Lord Alexander, chairman of

NatWest, paid tribute to Mr Goeltz's role in rebuilding the group's fortunes in a difficult period: "I would like to thank Richard for his valued contribution to the group over the Golub said.

At American Express Mr Goeltz will replace Michael Monaco, who quit in April following a dispute with his boss, executive chairman Harvey Golub, over the assignments of

several senior people. Mr Goeltz will report to Mr Golub, who said the company had broadened the finance director's role to include serving as a member of the chief executive's office.

That means Mr-Goeltz will share responsibility with vicechairmen Ken Chenault, Jon Linen and Chuck Farr for reviewing business strategies and handling issues that affect more than one business unit, Mr.

Franc under renewed pressure

The French franc came under renewed selling pressure on the foreign exchange markets yesterday, weakened by comments from the Bundesbank's chief economist, Otmar Issing, that German interest rates are unlikely to come down in the

In late trading the franc slipped to 3.4263 to the mark, against 3,4202 on Friday when the currency was hit by growing concern over European monetary union and speculation about a rift between President Jacques Chirac and the Bank of France.

Rob Hayward, chief economist at BankAmerica in London, said comments by Mr Issing had sown more doubts about a cut in German rates and given a further boost to the mark.

The German central bank official told Die Welt newspaper that structural problems in the German economy could not be solved just by a cut in rates, while recent data hinted at stronger second quarter growth than most analysts had expected.

Paribas currency analyst Andy Chaveriat said that with little else to focus on, and with many of the larger players not looking to get involved in the market during the August hol-iday period, short-term traders have decided to push the French currency lower,
"So far the franc has held."

above support at 3.4225. Horsever, if this breaks, then there's little further support this side of 3.4340," Mr. Chaveriat said. The franc will probably come under pressure again in the run up to the government's presentation of its 1997 budget,





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INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

American upheavals tarnish S&N

Smith & Nephew, the Elastoplast to bone replacement group, is nothing if not predictable. The shares surged earlier this year on hopes the company was moving into more exciting areas of the healthcare market. But, after peaking at 213p, they have since fallen back as the realisation grew that the group will continue to be dominated by its mundane spread of businesses.

Yesterday's interim figures, bang in line with market expectations, underlined that view. The 26 per cent growth in stated profits to £91.9m in the six months to 29 June was more like 5 per cent when the figures are adjusted for the effect of exchange rates, disposals and acquisitions, of which there were three last year.

S&N has a good franchise in some of the more esoteric areas of the US market, but it is in its transatlantic opcrations that S&N also continues to suffer. Big mergers amongst hospital groups, such as Hospital Corporation of America and Columbia, the creation of buying co-operatives or healthcare management organisations by big corporate customers and the formation of purchasing alliances by smaller hospi-

tals continue to put pressure on prices. The British group remains parti-cularly vulnerable to this upheaval. The US remains by far its biggest market, taking 41 per cent of half-year sales, of which around 60 per cent are made to big groups.

Part of the recent weakness in the shares was on the back of poor figures from US competitors. As it happened, S&N suffered a 3 per cent price fall in the US in the latest period, twice last year's rate, but did well to more than make that up with a 4 per cent volume increase, helping, with cost savings, to maintain margins.

The group is cautiously suggesting prices could soon start moving in the right direction and argues that as a big-global group it should benefit from this rationalisation in the long run. But it concedes it could be another couple of years before the US market is out of

Meanwhile, the potential of Dermagraft, a skin graft product, and other biotech ventures will take a while to be realised. Sales of anywhere between \$200m and \$500m for the diabetic ulcer market by early next century would transform the group, particularly as new products currently enjoy a 5- to 10-point margin advantage over exist-ing lines. But selling the benefits and educating the market could take longer than with traditional products.

Short-term interest is therefore likely to centre on takeover prospects both by and of the company. With cash firepower of up to £500m, and the potential to issue shares over and above, S&N is plainly capable of raising its world ranking from five or six to number three. On a prospective price/earnings ratio of 16 at 195p

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN run this year and next, while market

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SMITH & NEPHEW : AT A GLANCE

paying anyone such a mind-boggling

sum is a moot point, but it is hard to

fault the internal logic of the scheme.

Mr Sorreil is at least being rewarded for overseeing a massive increase in

shareholder value, which is what he is

to £68m, on revenues ahead 10 per cent

Yesterday's results for the six months

(forecast profits of £190m this year, rising to £202m next) last year's speculation that the company would be taken out looks to be fully in the price. One

WPP set to win employed to do. Sorrell his bonus to June saw profits jump 40 per cent

to £833m. The gains came from new Martin Sorrell's bet that he could accounts, always a reassuring thing for

Martin Sorrell's bet that he could drive the WPP share price hard enough to activate his lucrative share option—Mr Sorrell's incessant cost-cutting, package is poised to be won, thanks to suggesting that new business won in the yet another strong set of results; future could find its way more easily yesterday.

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Even more impressive and the shares will be shared to th Supporters of such long-term incea-r public relations arm, which has long tive plans will point out that share, been a source of concern for WPP manholders will have gone along for the largement. Most analysts had not ride, seeing their shares rise about 120p when the pay deal was quickly.

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WPP is one of those companies that up 7p on the day.

If the company continues its present its prospects are wholly ued up with run, the 304p upper target, by 1999 was its highly mobile creative staff, and the eminently achievable, giving Mr Sanatian assets leave the building every night, a whopping £25m. But that would mean assets leave the building every night, a whopping £25m. But that would mean owns Ogilvy & Mather and J Walter pared with just under £1.6bn today.

Thompson looks like having a good

Profit by product can

research, in which WPP has a leading reputation, can be highly profitable in periods of good economic growth. Certainly the City expects continu-Whether that is fair justification for

ing good fortune, with full-year pre-tax profits likely to hit £155m, or 13p a share, implying a multiple of 17. Next year, the expectations are for £186m of profit, or 15.4p a share and a p/e of 14. Still good value.

Education boom benefits BPP

BPP Holdings, the educational and publishing group, is benefiting from the boom in professional qualifications. With the educational market becoming increasingly complex and with seemingly every other college turning itself into a university, professional qualifications are gaining in stature. Add to this, growth in banking,

courses in areas such as derivatives and BPP is in a very strong position. As the market leader in helping white collar workers and students pass exams through its college courses and textbooks, growth in professional recruit-ment is good news. It is a leading training provider for certified and management accountancy course and has recently expanded into law, med-

icine and the City.

The favourable market conditions helped lift BPP sprofits by more than 10 per cent to £4,0m in the six months to the end of June on sales up from £30m to £35m. The Lefts Educational sublishing business has been boosted by the national tests for 11- and 14-yearolds, though the Blackstone lay publishing division hit a dull retail market. Is professional training, new courses have been introduced and the company has training centres in Luton, Re and Southampton. One of the most encouraging signs of these results was the improved performance of the language training division, Linguarama, restored to profit last year following disposals in Japan. Sales were up strongly at the interns stage thought at the main tight. The UK, France and German centres performed well though the

centre in Russia is not yet in profit. The weak link this half was scattenic education where profits were flat. Much will depend on excolments in the new academic year which starts in Sep-tember and October, but BPP appears in good shape. The shares have risen from 178p two years ago to 383p; un-changed yesterday. With full-year prof-its of £9.4m expected they trade on a forward rating of 17. That is not cheap compared with expected earnings growth over the next two years of only about 10 or 11 per cent a year and the shares look to have enjoyed the best

Bankers' body replaces panger panels with open plan

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

That exciting hub of activity, the British Bankers' Association, is uprooting itself after 50 years in wood-panelled City offices and moving to trendy new open-plan premis-es in Old Broad Street. The BBA, which repre-

senis over 300 British and overseas banks, moved to its old building in Lombard Street, sandwiched between Lloyds Bank's head office and a post office, in 1947. This made it very conve-

nient for the current chairman of the BBA, Sir Brian Pitman, who is also chairman of Lloyds Bank. But now the lease has run out: On the floor below the

BBA the library of the Chartered lestitute of Bankers. which if anything has even more wood panelling, has also been forced to move, this time to Number 90 Bishopsgate.
The old BBA building

used to be the hub of the City's entire cheque clearing operation, with a fleet of lit-tle grey electrically powered vans whisking piles of paper to the basement where they were sorted.

The Chartered Institute's boardroom upstairs has a series of giant murals depicting the "arts and industries" of Great Britain, as well as stained glass, all made at about the time of the Festival of Britain in 1953, and all in a similar austerity style. The Museum of London is interested in saving them. Coutts, the top-drawer private bank now owned by Nat West, will probably end up occupying most of the building. The best thing about the murals was that they were something to look at during the BBA's

building programme. He also had time to join the slightly less bohemian Accounting EMU and the like. Standards Board. The finance whiz is also of

than ever.

Mr Goeltz is returning to his native America to take up a juicy appointment at American Express, where he will be

The 53-year-old pipe-smoking, Latin-quoting financier plunged into London life with gusto when he arrived. He become a gover-nor of the Sadler's Wells

As Peter White, the larger than life chief executive of Alliance & Leicester Building Society, prepares to convert the Society to pik status, he has recruited a high-profile director of strategic marketing from Lloyds TSB. Tim Pile, 43, began his career at an advertising atency DMB&B in 1974 and moved to pr agency Deve Rogerson in 1989 as managing director, advertis-ing. All this should suit Mr White, one of the more publicity conscious of the mutual beads. Mr Pile will take up his job in Leicester next autumn, with the priority being to unify marketing for three divisions; personal financial services, direct financial services and corporate banking. Mr White will re-main in his delightful offices overlooking Hyde Park in London.

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Mr Goeltz will still be busy

back in New York, where he

Federal Reserve Bank. He is

also an "overseer" of Colum-

bia Business School in Man-

hattan, where he did his

sits on a committee at the

suggests, and is a director of

the New Germany Fund, set

up to help the process of east-west reunification.

So convenient: Sir Brian Pitman (left) with banking chums

ineffably dull briefings on

So Auf Wiedersehen then, Richard Karl Goeltz, the finance director who came into NatWest Bank at its nadir four years ago, and leaves Lord Alexander's ship as it looks in better shape

vice-chairman as well as keeping the accounts in order.

Foundation, just as the north London opera house was em-

But will Mr Goeltz still be allowed to smoke his beloved pipe in the hyper-health-con-

What no self-respecting Archbishop should be without: the church of St Edward the Confessor in Dinghouses, York, carried an advert in its latest parish magazine for "the St Edward pen, priced at £2.50. It is a high quality, twist-action ballpoint pen in burgundy with god trim and mind boggleth. They meant "gold trim", of course.

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Trafalgar is costly for Kvaerner

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The Norwegian conglomerate Kvaerner yesterday blamed this year's £904m acquisition of Trafalgar House, the British shipping to engineering group, for a crash in first-half profits.

The purchase, which made Kvaerner the world's largest shipbuilder, helped to more than halve the pre-tax profits from NKr1.6bn (£161m) to NKr706m (£71.3m) in the six months to June.

Chief executive Erik Toenseth admited the figures were disappointing, but said: "We're believing in better re-sults for the second half of the year." The results, though, would be strongly affected by the rate of non-core asset dis-posals, he added. Kvaerner has already sold some of the Trafalsuch as troubled cruise company Cunard, are stillfor sale.

Mr Toenseth said there were sound reasons" for optimism latest round in its industrial spy

that the company's objectives would be achieved. Action had been taken to co-ordinate business streams". He said: "We aim to be the global leader in engineering and construction."

Kvaerner's construction unit has been hit by heavy competition in the UK market which has offset profits overseas, particularly in Hong Kong. There were also deficits in mechanical engineering and Cunard.

But other areas of the former Trafalgar House empire were brighter. Kvaerner John Brown, the process plant engineering business on the Clyde, had profits of NKr15m (£1.5m) for the two months' of ownership while the order backlog stood at NKr10.5bn (£1.1bn). There were also positive results from Trafalgar House's offshore activities, and Kvaerner Davy, gar House assets, but others, the metals plant construction group, which chipped in NKr34m (£3.4m).

Erik Toenseth: optimism based on co-ordinating business

case involving Kvaerner Davy. The High Court in London threw out an attempt by VAI, an Austrian group, to lift an order (known as Anton Pillar) that had allowed Kvaerner to seize

documents from VAI's UK headquarters. Kvaerner claims that VAI and former Davy chief executive Roy Tazzyman had illegally obtained secret infor-mation from the subsidiary.

Daimler's cars are driving up profits

ELISABETH KLEIN

The dark days seem to be over for Daimler Benz, Germany's biggest industrial group. After reporting a disastrous DM5.7bn (£2.5bn) loss in 1995, the maker of immsy Mercedes cars is heading for net profits of about cut the number of our divisions DM2bn this year, according to down to 25," said Mr Klein.

According to Der Spiegel, Daimler made a first-half net profit of DM700m and expects to make more than DM1bn for But commercial vehicle sales in the second half. The group reports interim results on 29

Since taking over as chief executive last year, Juergen Schrempp has instigated a radical restructuring programme.

We shed the two biggest lossmaking units - Fokker (the
Dutch aircraft maker) and

the German news magazine

Der Spiegel. "We will report a profit for the first half of 1996," said Daimler spokesman Roland Klein.

While the group's troubled Daimler Benz Aerospace operations will report a loss of DM500m this year, the Mercedes expects forming well. Mercedes expects to produce record output of more than 650,000 cars in 1996. Europe are sluggish. The trucks division is expected to show losses of about DM600m.

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In Brief

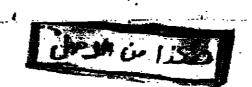
• Emess, the lighting group, is proposing to cancet the redemption rights of its convertible preference capital, citing the £62m cost if holders choose to exercise their option. The board blames the decision on continuing uncertainty over the financing of the redemption, due in 2003, which is hitting the ordinary share price. The fixed dividend of 6.25p is to be maintained, but preference holders are to be compensated by cutting the conversion price from 128n to 55m. The group words continism about the first the board. 128p to 55p. The group voiced optimism about the future, based on some recovery in the European consumer market, as it announced. profits raised from £2.1m to £2.4m in the six months to June.

CRH, the Irish building materials group, has revealed IR£55m of overseas capital expenditure projects and acquisitions. In the UK, the group has acquired a further 10 branches at a cost of IRÉ5.1m for its Keyline Builders Merchants chain. It has spent IRE23.5m for its Keyune Dunners Merchants chain. It has spent IRE23.5m in mainland Europe on businesses ranging from DIY outlets to an IRE10.5m large upgrade of a brick plant. Meanwhile, a further IRE26.1m has been earmarked for US operations, including pre-cast concrete products, a glass temperer and glass distributor and the IR£10.5m acquisition of another Utah aggregates, ready-mix and construction business.

• Zeneca has lodged its Seroquel schizophrenia drug for approval by the UK authorities, the first submission in a large European market. The new treatment for acute and chronic psychoses has market. The new treatment for acute and chronic psychoses has already been submitted to the US Food and Drug Administration for approval and further filings are expected over the next few weeks. Zeneca said the drug should play a "significant role" in the anti-psychotic market, currently estimated to be worth over £1bn a year and expected to grow to £2.5bn by 2000.

• Henderson Administration reported pre-tax profits up from £4.07m to £5.32m in the three months to June. The fund management group saw revenue jump from £16.1m to £18.8m, with earnings per share rising from 12.6p to 16.3p.

 Cantab Pharmaceuticals, the biotechnology group, has ap-pointed Jurek Sikorski as its new chief executive. Mr Sikorski joins the group next mouth from a similar post at Proteus International. The news came as Cantab unveiled pre-tax losses deepened from £3.54m to £3.7m in the six months to June.



Dangers behind the good news on house prices

very few days some new data emerges showing the two completely different pictures of the inflationary outlook that are now facing the UK. On the one hand current inflation - that is the price of goods and services, whether measured at a wholesale or a retail level - is flat or declining. On the other hand asset inflation - measured by house prices, commercial property or share prices - is look-

ing perky. Yesterday the news was flat wholesale prices, which dipped from 2.5 per cent to 2.2 per cent in July. The markets were taking this to suggest that the next set of retail prices would also be encouraging. This is going to go on. We are going to have good news on inflation at both the retail and the wholesale level for some months more. Virmally all the forecasters consistently over-estimated the level of inflation for the last three years, and there is no reason to suppose that there is any change in sight.

In fact the figures will soon look

even better. Over the last 18 months the headline rate of inflation has fallen steadily, as the left-hand igraph shows. Though so far the more representative measures, excluding mortgage interest payments and VAT and other taxes, have failed to make a make a corresponding decline, expect these too to come down in the coming

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But this run of good news on cur-rent inflation will be set against a parallel string of stories about ris-ing house prices. By the end of this year some forecasters, most notably Stephen Bell at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, reckon that house price in-



ECONOMIC VIEW HAMISH McRAE

a year. As he argued at the week-flation adds to demand, which in end in an article in the Independent on Sunday, there is more to come: by the end of next year price increases could be running at 10 per cent in the South-east. The sudden spurt of house prices this year is shown in the right-hand graph.

That is only one form of asset price; UK share prices this year (in contrast to those on Wall Street and most Continental markets) have not performed particularly well. But

turn puts pressure on prices.

Up to now virtually all the discussion about the dangers of asset inflation has been in these terms: leakage from one, supposedly benign form of inflation to another more malignant manifestation.

A less obvious reason why it might matter is the social and commercial implications of a rise in asset prices. At a personal level, asset price inflation gives resources to the

Asset price inflation gives resources to the 'haves' at the expense of the 'have nots'

house prices in the UK are a par- "haves" at the expense of the "have share prices there has been considerable asset inflation there too.

This divergent movement of the two sorts of price raises a string of questions. The first is: does it matter? An obvious reason why it might is the danger that asset price inflation will leak across to create current inflation. In the UK in the past it has done so, with the main mechanism being the additional demand created by strong house prices: partly equity take-out, partrise in wealth creates. So asset in-

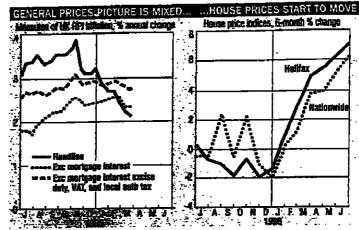
ticularly important component of personal wealth, and in any case if of inheritance, the "have not yets". one takes a three-year view of UK share prices there has been conhouses at the expense of first-time buyers. But they also have an intergenerational effect: they benefit the old at the expense of the young. Higher pensions (resulting from better performance of pension fund assets) similarly are an inter-generational transfer, from young to old,

from workers to non-workers. A further effect of a rise in asset values is that, to some extent at least, this process adds to industrial costs, ly purchase of consumer durables, and benefits established companies partly simply the confidence that a at the expense of new ones. If office and industrial land costs rise, it is the

fattest companies which benefit most - those with spare assets they can sell. So there is not just an inter-generational transfer between people; there is also an inter-generational transfer between companies, and arguably at least, a transfer from efficient companies (i.e. those without spare as-sets) to less efficient ones.

Even worse than this, asset inflation may encourage poor invest-ment decisions. We still think of investment as money put into physical entities: factories, office blocks, plant and machinery, computer systems. We do not think of it as training of workers, improving the quality of service, or building a loyal customer base. But in the longterm prosperity of many businesses investment in intangibles like this is becoming much more important than building a new plant. The trouble with asset inflation is that it encourages investment in the wrong sort of things: office blocks which the investor hopes will go up in value rather than improved customer relations which will, more slowly, increase profits.

The argument which is seldom made is the case for lower asset prices. Virtually all the discussion about the fall in house prices which took place in the UK has been in terms of the impact on those with negative equity. There has been far less attention paid to the benefit to young people who have found new homes more affordable than for a generation. Virtually all the discussion about the collapse of commercial property values has been on the negative impact on the lending banks, rather than the creation of cheap factory and office accommodation for new businesses - not that the banks with negative equi- Going up: Price rises could soon be at





tracted as much sympathy as homeowners in the same plight.

But in any real sense asset inflation is almost as corrosive as current inflation. You can see this best by looking at societies which have experienced asset booms, the best example perhaps being Japan. There, the juxtaposition of zero current inflation and inflated property prices has greatly prolonged the recession: only now, four or five years after the rest of the world, is Japan back in growth.

To say all this is not to claim that the UK faces the same scale of problem. Clearly it does not. Rather it is to say that, first, we should be just as worried about a surge in house and/or share prices as a rise in current inflation. Second, the leakage of one form of inflation into the other may be the less important facet of the problem than the distorting impact of higher asset prices. And third, asset price inflation has grave social and economic consequences which are frequently overlooked.

In the coming months there will be a string of "good news" stories, particularly related to house prices. Fewer and fewer people will be in negative equity; housing activity will rise; people will feel richer. There will be very few stories about the effect rising house prices are having on people not yet on the housing ladder, and fewer still about the inefficiencies as companies invest in physical assets rather than human ones. Welcome the good news on the retail price index. while it lasts; but take with a pinch of salt any "good" news on the price of property, and see just who is benefiting and who is being disadvan-

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Payout on judgment day leaves BAT at low for year

FT-SE 100 3803.3 - 7.4 BAT Industries, the tobacco FT-SE 250 giant, suffered the predictable 4331.9 + 7.4 battering following the unex-pected US court ruling award-FT-SE 350 ing a lung cancer sufferer \$750,000 damages. 1905.1 - 2.2

The shares crashed 8.8 per cent to 464p, lowest for more than a year. Yet around a quarter of the fall had nothing at all to do with the US judgment. The tobacco giant went ex-dividend which wiped 12.5p from the price before a share was traded.

Even so BAT finished at its lowest of the day, reflecting the stock market's unease about the US verdict.

There are undoubted worries that the setback could, with BAT facing more than 200 such cases, open the floodgates with the tobacco industry finding it difficult to contain the legal turmoil.

The only other case that the tobacco barons lost was subsequently overturned on ap-

peal. And BAT is clearly confident it will emerge victorious when its appeal against the latest ruling is heard.

But the legal setback will undermine sentiment and must prolong the tortuous battle between the cigarette makers and cancer sufferers. It must also strengthen the case for BAT to rejoin the demerger trend, floating off its financial services group, leaving the tobacco operations to stand and fight alone. After all, it embraced the demerger culture when, after the failed Sir James Goldsmith-inspired bid, it hived off its Arjo Wiggins Appleton paper side and the

Argos stores business. BAT was not the only blue chip to suffer from dividend

payments. Seven FT-SE shares went exdividend, wiping almost 11 points from Footsie. Biggest fall was the responsibility of Glaxo Wellcome accounting

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year

East Midlands Electricity for 3.9 points; BAT's cut was fused 12p to 593p and Yorkshire Electricity 12p to 727p. But for the dividend stripping, Footsie would have National Grid also failed to generate much enthusiasm, at achieved a modest gain. In the least until towards the close. At event it fell 7.4 points to 3,803.3. The supporting FT-SE 250 index gained 7.4 to 4,331.9 one time the shares were down 5.5p to a new low.

reappearance of lower interest rate hopes helped sentiment, particularly among retailers. Electricities were discomforted by a Houston Industries takeover strike. Unfortunately, the Americans, seen as the big candidate to launch a bid for a UK group, have looked else-

- its ninth gain on the trot. The

with a 1p gain at 175.5p.
British Gas fell 4p to 198.5p although Ofgas proposals, due later this week, are expected to where, paying \$2.4bn for be much less draconian than at NorAm a resource group. So old takeover faithfuls one time seemed likely.

Fears Professor Stephen

Littlechild, the industry regu-

lator, will today produce tough

new controls did the damage.

But then some investors took

the view the fall had been

overdone and the shares ended

Pearson 13p to 660p and J Sainsbury's US ambitions and its increased UK market share produced a 4p gain to 399p. New issue Somerfield gave up 2p to 157p.

Grand Metropolitan, 5.5p firmer at 456p, edged towards its year's high. The shares were awakened by the Guinness takeover fiasco which appears to have concentrated attention on the vulnerability of the food and drink group. There have long been rumours of a leveraged bid, if one should appear it could prompt the food and drink demerger Grandmet admits that it has

considered. After a long, ragged reverse Antonov, the gearbox designer moved into higher gear on talk of an investment presentation. The shares rose 15p to 65p. Scott Pickford, a maker of materials testing machinery. had the distinction of produc-

Takeover talk returned to lift ing the opposite of a profit warning, results, it said, would be better than expected. The shares scored the day's best gain, up 36 per cent to 45p. Chemical Design made an im-pressive AIM début. Placed by stockbroker Durlacher at 110p,

the shares closed at 133p. Emess, the lighting and fire protection group, firmed to 34p following a 9 per cent trading profit gain and a move to re-move the drag of the group's preference shares.

Full redemption of the preference, issued to fund acquisitions in 1988, would cost £60m. The group has made them irredeemable and lowered the conversion from 128p to 55p; the price gained 5.25p

to 80.5p.
Yorkshire Foods produced an after-hours statement saying it knew of no reason for a 7p gain to 72p. And to rub salt into the buying it forecast lower second-half profits.

Tom Cobleigh, the pubs chain where the big shareholder is looking for the exit, gained 15p to 223p. European Acquisition Capital, which backed the group when it was lannched, has appointed Hambros to handle the sale of its 50 per cent interest. A trade sale or a placing among institutions are the options being considered.

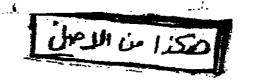
TAKING STOCK

SkyNet, the Ofex wonder share, has postponed its move to AIM, due this week, as the Securities and Futures Anthority probes, in an "in-formal review", dealings in its shares. After June's introduction the price surged from 27.5p to 275p. There has been comment about possible share sales and the ownership of the group's vehicle tracking system has been questioned. SkyNet had

planned to raise £2m in a

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Racing

Walter Swinburn had dreamed

about yesterday, when he won

on his comeback ride here. But

during the empty six months

rafter the race-riding accident in

Hong Kong that almost took his

life, the jockey rarely imagined

the winners' enclosure. Swin-

burn just thought of the simple

pleasure of competing on a

racehorse. He now realises the

world would be a great wilder-

me is that I'm lost without

It took Swinburn some time

to wake up after Liffey River

had catapulted him through

the Sha Tin rails in February. He

had desperate injuries to his

head, shoulder and ribs, and

there is still evidence of that dreadful day on his body. He

would have died with his lungs

full of blood if the hospital had

been another five minutes away

from the racecourse. Yesterday,

Swinburn's eyes opened more

easily, like a child's on Christ-

mas morning. "I was excited,"

and I went out for a walk."

he said. "I was up at five o'clock

and soft tones that have led to

a sobriquet of "the Choirboy". Yet he was 35 last week and

satust be as tough as a ship's sides

to have recovered from Hong

Kong. Until recently he has dis-

played the sort of haircut some

associate with Greenham Com-

mon. But the coiffure was more

luxuriant when he arrived yes-

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WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Call Me I'm Blue (4.00) sent 236 miles from N Tinkler's Langton stable in North Yorkshire.

2.00 AUGUST SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 5yds Penaity Value £2,472

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FORM GUIDE

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2.30 MBLE MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 5yds Penalty Value £2,898

running Multi Franchise to a neck at Brighton a week ago.

4.00 MINDRACE (nap)

4.30 Blazing Castle

5.00 Taufan Boy

BATH

2.30 Sharp Shuffle

3.30 Hill Farm Dancer

3.00 Oneknight With You

Swinburn has the elfin looks

ness if he did not enjoy the

racing," he said. "I need it."

As Lee Sharpe completed his

£4.5m transfer from Manches-

ter United to Leeds, another

member of last season's Old

Trafford squad was on the

move. The highly rated striker

Jovan Kirovski, who impressed

for the United States at the At-

lanta Olympics, is joining

Borussia Dortmund in the Buri-

desliga after the Department of

Employment refused to give

Dani, the Portuguese Under-

21 international who joined

West Ham on loan from Sport-

ing Lisbon last term, has moved

to the Dutch champions, Ajax.

Ivano Bonetti, the former

Grimsty Town midfielder, has

issued a High Court writ against

the club and its manager, Bri-

an Laws, in an attempt to win damages for the incident in-

volving Laws at Luton in February which left the Italian

nursing a broken cheek-bone.

to Tranmere Rovers, has had

two operations and is likely to

require further surgery to re-

move a damaged nerve. In

May, the Football Association

charged Laws with misconduct

over the incident, but the hear-

ing has been postponed pend-

ing the outcome of Bonetti's

Bonetti, who has since moved

for a reported fee of £2m.

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Swinburn's first-class return terday, in an ensemble of green checked shirt, blue blazer and RICHARD EDMONDSON reports from Windsor fawn slacks. You could tell something was up because he

> 3.30 on Talathath. When Swinburn emerged for combat it was in quartered dark and light blue livery. His boots were shiny enough for a drill, but then he has had plenty of time to polish them. He was sixth in the riders' echelon, and adjusted his whip to the vertical to acknowledge the ap-plause that met him as he left the weighing room.

checked in at 1.57, which is

normally the time he turns up

for the 2.00. His first appoint-

ment back, however, was in the

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Sharp Shuffle (Bath 2.30) NB: Desert Challenger (Soutiwell 3.45)

Then came the Swinburn walk, the sort of bow-legged gait you expect in a cowhand who has just finished a cross-state cattle drive and is heading for the hot tub.

Talathath, in his vivid blue visor, threw his head around extravagantly as he transported the day's focal point out on to the course. After that he was no trouble at all. The gelding was in third place for much of the race and was produced a furlong

out to win by a length and a half. By the end, Talathath was sweating and so was Swinburn. "I got a bit tired, but all in all I was well pleased with my fitness," he said. "I'm blowing and



Giad to be back: Walter Swinburn celebrates his perfect comeback at Windsor yesterday

my legs went a bit, but I thought it was going to be worse than that to tell you the truth." The applause in the win-

ners' enclosure again came and no one seemed to mind that Cape Pigeon, the mount of Lanfranco Dettori and the main danger up the straight, had hardly been punished to the very edge of his life. The stew-

ards inquired into this but declined to rewrite the fairy story. It might be unworthy, yet useful, to suggest one of the best systems in racing is to back jockeys on either their comeback or retirement rides.

Swinburn was, and may still be, a member of racing's version of the brat pack, a man who is seldom stumped for thoughts

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when prospective parties are discussed. But be certainly talks a different game these days. He prayed at daybreak yesterday. I just asked to make sure the day went well and, if He thought I was worthy of it, to give me a winner, but, if not, so

There was some dissent over the weight problem that Swin-room. I need racing."

FORM GLIDE

Mindrace returns to the scene of his single success so far, getting up close home to master White Emir half a length three weeks ago under today's claimer Martin Duyer. Ken kory's charge ran well next time which chasing home previous scorer Clain Chief at more than one lengths of Sandown but might again find one too good this time in WALK THE BEAT, whom Richard Quarn is an interesting booking. Martin Meade's six-year-old gained consective without Richard Quarn is an interesting booking. Martin Meade's six-year-old gained consections which will be suffered to see the continue of the seed
day after striking form at Bagitton, should again be prominent. **Milliestine** went in over cours and distance 13 months ago for his only win to date but he's difficult to fancy, having nu poorly in both races this season.

Selection: WALK THE BEA

5f 161yds Penalty Value £3,090

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FORM GUIDI David Evens' juveriles have been in cracking form and it CAN'T REMEMBER can supplement his Chester victory of rare days ago. The Peteng galding had got off the mark when within a seller at Cattenck last month, following with two seconds while he was a good fourth or

5.00 ROYAL CRESCENT HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 3f 144yds Penalty Value £3,644

PETRING: 3-1 Tappeto, 7-2 Platol, 4-1 Newport Height, 6-1 Fabulous Minto, 7-1 Testian Sey, 6-1 La Politograp, Man-Tab, 16-1 Platinano Plus 1995: Forenas 2 0 de 1

FORM GUIDE

PORTOL comes here in good heart and can dely top weight. Con Horgan's sa-year-old is having his best season and notched a hat-inck when leading on the bit a farlong out to defeat subsequent scorer Askern a length over course and distance last mortin Patral was beaten only three parts of a length by Shapical under a 5th penalty or Ascot and, on that effort, less nothing to lear from Taudian Boy, who finished more train seven lengths sorth in seventh of 12 and has only a 5th advertings. However, Newport Maight and Tappedo must both be feared, especially the former, who is on as hat-not ond can confirm separating that Pabulous pillotte, whom he beat almost three lengths into fourth at Windsor two weeks ago and meets on 4th worse terms. Tappedo finished unplaced in he first four races this season but showed signs of returning to top from when running Reaganisque to a length and a quarter under 9st 12th at Chepstow, conceding lumps of weight to the witner. His stable scored with Sharp Consul at Windsor yesterday.

Irish trainer Paddy Burke was yesterday fined £5,000 for fail-

ing to run Mister Munnelly on his merits. At an inquiry at the Irish Turf Club, the stewards also decided to ban the horse from racing for 60 days. Their actions came after Mister Munnelly appeared to show hugely-improved form when landing a gamble

at Leopardstown last month. The three-man stewards' panel were investigating Mister Munnelly's performance with reference to the rules dealing with horses not being allowed to run on their merits. They found that Mister Munnelly had shown "significantly

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NUNNEY NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO

Photograph: Robert Hallam

burn will carry throughout his career, and the time it took the jockey to convince the authorities that he was fit to return. These grumbles, however, were washed away by the excitement of a working life reborn. "The biggest thrill was just riding," he said, "And coming in and seeing the boys in the weighing

Larder's hard choice Rugby League

The Great Britain coach, Phil

First, the certainties. Wigan's Andy Farrell will become the youngest-ever tour captain and he will have around him the bulk of the side that won the European Championship for

There are positions - like fullback, centre, hooker and back row - where Britain is relativewho to leave out.

Stuart Spruce of Bradford has done enough to make a suc-cessful bid at full-back, while a versatile player like Sheffield's Keith Senior, who can play centre, wing or second row, might recommend himself sufficiently.

In other positions, the options are more restricted and the complications more apparent. Should Larder take Martin Offiah, for instance, when the player might prefer to be play-ing union with Bedford? Not if there were alternatives available, but, with the shining exception of Jason Robinson. Offiah remains the country's

And then there is the lestyn Harris question. He is unlikely to play again this season - although, crucially, Warrington are in dispute with him rather e other way around -- bi will be the luxury of deciding he is Britain's best stand-off by

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Football

RUPERT METCALF

Terry Venables returned to the

training ground yesterday as he started work as director of foot-

ball at the beleaguered First Di-

After turning down offers to

take his talents abroad, the

former England coach has

joined a club which is losing

£7,600 per day and has a bank

overdraft of £1.6m. However,

Venables denies that he is to

got hurt," the former Tottenham

manager said. "I was told that

there are investors waiting to

put money in, but that hasn't

nappened yet. They were prob-

ably waiting to see if I actually joined the club."

control of the club," Venables

added. "People have asked me

why I chose Portsmouth. The

inswer is I wanted to enjoy my-

self for a change. I've had

enough of all the pressure and

I want to have some fun. I'll take

training a couple of times a

week and get to as many match-

es as possible." He also said that

the jobs of the club's manager,

Terry Fenwick, and his coach-

ing staff are not under threat.

The situation is that I'm in

Tve done that before, and I

pump funds into Pompey.

vision club, Portsmouth.

DAVE HADFIELD

Larder, will today name a 32man squad to tour Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand this autumn. As ever, it will contain a couple of dozen names that anyone could have predicted, a handful of contentious choices and one or two out-and-out oddities.

England this year.

most accomplished winger.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

his Chester victory of mine days ago. The Petong gelding had got off the mark when warrang a seller at Catterick tast month, following with two seconds while he was a good tourth of 13 behand Young Bigwig in a Goodwood nursery on his penultimate start. The selection can confirm test month's form with Biazzing Caustie, four and a half lengths behand he's when they were second and seventh (of len) to Osmerata at Lecoster and 13th better in Blazzing Castle ran Silvers. Fiver to a neck at Brighton a week ago. Massenati Monik, who got up in the final stride to score at Lingfield in May and was outclassed against Verglas in the Coverty at Royal Ascot, can figure disspite top weight. Bold Spring led briefly at the out-harbing marker when third behind Mr Bombastique at Chapstow - Chilling sooth and clearly held and, being lightify reads, should progress. What theppened Whas only scaped frome in an auction madden at Beverley but must go on the shortlest getting weight from ricst and with Fergal Lynch taking off 3th.

Selection: I CANT REMEMBER Football 7.30 LINESS STATES
SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP Morton v Hamilton
Kilksamock v Ayr Vist
Motherwell v Affect
Furtick Thattle v Forter Athletic
Gesen's Park v Aberdeam
S Hilteren v Berede Resigners
Stirling Abbles v Desidee Uts'
PRE-SEASOM FREIDNOLES; (Selected): Manclester (ad v Intersponde (8.01; Addershot
v Mahwali (7.45); Akmicham v Huddersheld

(7.0); Aylesbury v Luton Town; Bognor Regist v Portsmouth; Crawley v Crystal Palace; Dav Bournemouth (7.45); Gainsborough Trinty v Chesterfield: Hendon v Borner, Horndhurch v Chartfor, Huchrall v Mansfield Town (7.01); Lancaster v Burnley, Mirriess Blackstone v Peterborough Utd.; North Fermby v Barnsley; Northampton v Arsenal (7.45); North-Serion v Scarborough; Northwich v Tearmeer Rovers; Tarmworth v Birningham Chy X; Troutindige v Swandon; Witton Albion v Leepdol XI; Wycombe v Birningham City (7.45).

Other sports GOLF: Irish Amateur Championship (Royal County Dougl). BOWLS: Women's World Outdoor Champion-ship (Learnington Spa).

TODAY'S NUMBER

13,020,000 The total in pounds of the

Manchester United wage bill last season, the highest in the Premiership. Torquay United, who finished bottom of the Football League, had a wage bill of £575,000.



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SHARP SHUFFLE is a strong tartey to gain a well earned first success, Twice narrowly beaten at Newmerket in October – first by stablemete Domettes in a 27-numer race and then
by Polar Sport - Richard Hennor's has also found one too good in his two most recent races.
Sharp Shuffle was five lengths ahead of the third when finding Eurobox Boy a length too
good at Newmarket in July and went under half a length behard Budby at Epsorn, holding a
clear lead approaching the furlong pole but, being unsufed by the uphall finish, just faving
to last home. Sharp Shuffle is on 10st here but leading apprentice Dane Orhell takes off
3b and, although faced by 17 hivats, they do not really amount to much. Perhaps the pick
of them will be Gooseberry Pfe, unplaced in her first three starts before running third (of
sol to Sahmis and Charle Chang when favourite at Notingham two weeks ago and open to
improvement. Little Kenny, who ran on to take the minor placing behind Queen Of Shannon in a Windson seller ten days ago, goes off the same rating here and can again reach a
place. Battle Kintight is another who deserves a change of luck after having been placed several times, though his latest efforts are far from encouraging. Selections SHARP SHUFFLE GOING: Good
STALLS: Straight – far side; round course – inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.
Left-hand, galloping course. Four furiong run-in bends to the left and is uphill.
Rececourse is 2m NW of city near A431. But station 2m. ADMISSION: City 5
Tattensalls £8; Silver Ring £4; Course £1. CAR PARE: Centre of course £5 for car
driver and £1 for each passenger; remainder free. 3.00 MENDIP MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,750 added 2YO fillies 5f 11yds Penalty Value £3,448 34 BLUES QUEEN (119) (BF) (Maygon Ltd) M Channon B 11.... 23 BOLD TRNA (27) (Mrs Chris Harmgloot R Hamma B 11.... 04 CHLAMMORER (40) (Paige Blacker Studio Partnershot P Col 3 DANCENTERWINDER (20) (E A Booley) B Macrism B 11... LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: P Cole - 21 winners from 114 runners at a fillule of 18.4% giving a return to a 51 level stake of -512.10; R Chariton - 15 winners, 37 runners, 40.5%, +511.40; R Hammon - 15 winners, 134 runners, 11.2%, -539.10; M Chanson - 14 winners, 118 runners, 11.9%, -514.57; R Hodges - 11 winners, 143 runners, 143 runners, 17.4%, -525.21; J Dunilop - 10 winners, 21.3%, -516.50; R Hills - 10 winners, 73 runners, 13.7%, -537.81.

LEADING FOCEEYS: T Quinn - 27 winners, 165 rides, 16.4%, +524.27; Pat Eddery - 23 winners, 88 rides, 23.5%, -517.20; J Reid - 20 winners, 110 rides, 18.2%, +526.55; Panl Eddery - 15 winners, 88 rides, 17%, -525.20; R Cochrane - 13 winners, 80 rides, 16.5%, -521.10; R Englace - 12 winners, 65 rides, 18.5%, +55.57.

RELITATERED FIRST TIME: Sobeloved (2.00), Innocator Time (4.00).

DANCENHENGH (TONAY) (20) (6 A Bosley) B Meeten 8 11.
PLOKENTINE DUMOND (8) (87) (Pacal Salman) Sr Mark Prescot 8 11.
PULLY BOOKED (6 Noble) I His. B 11.
MUSCHTAINA (36) (K Al-Sad) B His. 8 11.
ONEDORSKY WITH YOU (12) (Devis I) Diec IM Festiveston-Godley 8 11. __Pat Eddery 11 O SALLY GREEN (34) (KV Stamburg) C Wall 8 11 ... O SARVAS (15) (7ad A Galactar) J Pagete 8 11 O SEA MIST (127) (R E Sangster) P Cha HETING: 5-2 Moscatars, 100-30 Rold Tira, 4-1 Oce Raight With You, 9-2 Blace Queen, 7-1 Cale-mander, 10-1 Democthscaphtness, Florantino Diagnost, 14-1 Sen Mint, 16-1 others 1995: Come Featary 2 8 11 J Red 6-4 IP W Crappie-Hyent 7 sm

MUSCRTANA held every chance at the two-futing marker on her introduction here five weeks ago but lost all chance when nampered a furing out, being eased and finishing ninth of 11 to Silver Purce. Bany Hills' filly, who was very easy to back that day – she went from 5-2 to 6-1 – is certain to projects and can turn around the form with Oneknight With You, who finished third, beaten a short-head and a neck. Oneknight With You, who was having her third outing that day, followed with a filth to Fradrick the Fience in a Goodwood nussery. Muscatana might have more to feer from Bold Tibas, one of the favourities when a longit-and-a-quarest second behand Head Over Heels on her debut at Chepstow last morth and third to fourly to subsequent Princess Margaet winner Seebe and the cold Assume at Sandown. Blues Queen is another with good claims. She followed her promising Newbury debut third to Song Of Stiye with a two-length fourth behind Cheroker Flight when a tox facounts at Not-negham.

3.30 BBC RADIO BRISTOL HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m 1f 34yds Penalty Value £3,508

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FORM GUIDE.

Chuckdestone's seven course was include a neck defeat of proids scorer Star Rage in the corresponding race in 1994. Chucklestone heart visited the waver's enclosure since but ran well to finish fourth, at less than four lengths, to Paradise Navy (winner since) here three weeks ago on only his second appearance this season, staying on towards the finish. However, BOLD CLASSIC, tem years Chucdestone's junior and a progressive type, must be the choice. John Dunlop's charge, 1.1 lengths cleer of the third when besten five lengths by Hall Hoo Yaroom at Yarmouth in June, went one better in a maden handcap there three weeks ago, keeping on strongly over the mile and three quarters after taking command at the two-furling pole. Hith Firms Dancer won over an extended mile and three of this course last season and has take scored over slightly further at Wolverherroton this year but she was bester more then eight lengths when third of fivel behind Reasayel at Chestre last time. Ande La Beille has been out of form for some time though she was not described the time before last when staying on imp fifth behand Great Oration at Chester. Selections BOLD CLASSIC

4.00 LUCKINGTON LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 5f 11yds Penalty Value £2,856

BETTENG: 5-2 Mindrace, 7-2 Sitk Cottage, 4-1 Minkelder Spell, 5-1 Walk The Beat, 8-1 Imposing Time, 12-1 Cull Min Far Bine, 14-1 Milliostare, 29-1 Red Time 1995: Parissy Raceg 3 8 12 J Dennis 7-1 (M R Creation) 6 ran

2.15 Saint Bene't 2.45 Nobiely 3.15 Chadleigh Walk 3.45 Desert Challenger 4.15 Trade Wind (nb) 4.45 Game Dilemma

GOENG: Good E-Filmes and surface; left-hand sharp, oval course.

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Filmes and surface; left-hand sharp, oval course.

Recoonse is Sm SE of town and Im W of Newark. Rolleston
Junction adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club 512; Tattersalls 58
(OAP members of course's Diamond Club 54, accompanied under-16s free). CAR PARK: Free.

CLASS E) £5,500 added 3m 110yds

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3.15 YARMOUTH NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) 526-031 REMONITOR M Beets 4 11 2. OSS SHALIK (4) J Enkins 6 10 12 J Paulins CHADLEIGH WOLLK S Campon 4 10 9 AS Smith One GLENWILLY (1A8) 8 Humpy 5 10 7 S Bradley

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BETTING: 9-4 Gages Discours, 5-2 Yala Prince, 7-2 Bad's Pride, 9-2 Wordsnorth, 14-1 Tp R is, 20-1 Cheep Metal

BETUNE: 4-1 Sharp Shuffle, 9-2 Goeseberry Pie, 5-1 Carrière, 7-1 Little Kentry, 10-1 Sharp Holly, 12-1 Fastini Gold, Oscer Rose, 14-1 Bath Reight, Richard House Lad, Fidales Delight, 18-1 Shermand, 20-1 others
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L 7.00: 1. VASABOND CHANTEUSE (I. Chamcel; 10-1; 2. Browning Amening 11-4; 3. Imported for Metric 14-1; 11 ran. 11-8 tav Centrating Ball (40), 5h hd, 4, (T. Etherngton), Tota: £11-90: £3.00, £1.70, £2.90. DF: £30.70. CSF, £40.00. No: £104.90. 7.30; 1.5MBLY SUE (I Wesser) 11-10 fav; 2. Uncle Dong 5-1; 2. Shapp Sensation 16-1, 11 ran. 2, 3h hd, (M. Johnston), Teste: £2.30; £1.30, £1.90, £2.60. DF: £4.60. CSF: £7.65. Totast: £58.02. Test: £24.60.

Dushyantor will run either at next week. The Derby runner-up could meet Classic Cliche in Newbury's Geoffrey Freer Stakes on Saturday, but connections have the option of switching to the Great Voltigeur Stakes on Wednesday week.

Nash House may have run his last race. The coli, seventh to Tamayaz in the Rose Of Lancaster Stakes at Haydock on Saturday, was later found to have bled in ternally. His trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam said: "We will have to have him scoped and see how bad it is."

There were 12 acceptors yesterday for the Group One Prix lacques le Marois over a mile at Deavville on Thursday. They are: Charmood Forest, Heart Lake, Gothenberg, Ashkalani, Zarann-da, Le Triton, Sensation, Grey Risk, Byzantium, Spinning World, Vetheuil and Shaami.

SOUTHWELL

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WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. BLINEBEED FIRST TIME: Laser Light Lady (4.15). LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Blue Raven (2.15) & The Country Trader (2.45) sept 199 miles from P Hobba's Bibrook stable in Somerset.

2.45 SKEGNESS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,750 added 2m 4f 110yds

FROM ALDERSHOT TO ARSENAL

FOOTBALL: Personalities and procedures are downfall of Highbury manager with respectable record. Glenn Moore reports BRUCE RIOCH:

Rioch at odds with the system

be a starker indication that, in football, contracts are worthless. Barely a fortnight

after Bruce Rioch finally signed his, after a year's vacillitating, he is sacked. Quite a reward for taking over a club in turmoil, partially reshaping an ageing team and steering it to a place in Europe and the Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals.

In the event, those achievements mattered not. This dis-missal is about personalities and procedure, not perfor-mance. Its roots predate Rioch's arrival, being based in the murky and Rune Hauge, the Norwe-gian agent. The skulduggery which brought Graham down meant that Rioch took over a job with very different parameters to any of his English counterparts. Transfer negotiations were conducted by the board, not by the manager.

Given the circumstances of Graham's dismissal this was unavoidable, but it does not appear to have worked. Many names were linked with Highbury, but after the initial arrival of Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt, none arrived. Even those two appeared to be overpriced; Platt has been a disappointment while last week Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, was quoted as saying he had been offered Bergkamp for more than £2m less than Arsenal paid.

Since then quite a team has been assembled on the back pages of the tabloids - Frank de Boer, Graeme Le Saux, Robert Jarni, Alan Stubbs, Bixente Lizarazu, Jason McAteer, Paul Ince, John Moncur, Lee Bowyer, Tim Sherwood, Gary

Zinedane Zidane, Christophe Dugarry, Les Ferdinand, Roberto Mancini, Attilio Lombardo, Jürgen Klinsmann and,

Even if half of these are un founded speculation, it is still quite a list - everyone except a goalkeeper. However, the only player actually signed was a reserve goalkeeper, John Lukic, on a free transfer from Leeds.

McAllister was offered to Rioch, and rejected, possibly on the grounds of age. Many of the rest were lost in the system, somewhere between Rioch asking the board to try and buy them and the board securing the deal. Rioch occasionally hinted relationship between George at his unhappiness with the Graham. Rioch's predecessor, system and matters were not helped by an clash of personalities with David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman and the main power at the club.

Dein and Rioch are very different people. Rioch is a believer in moral absolutes, a stem dis-ciplinarian whose code is strongly influenced by his upbringing in a military family. Dein is a smoother figure, a business-man, football politician and socialite. Even under George Graham there were problems over Dein's habit of cultivating friendships with players. Rioch's own relationship with

his players was chequered. He was a great support to Paul Merson as he continued his comeback from alcohol and gambling addiction, but had a difficult time with Ian Wright.

Problems simmered between the pair from the start and they came to a head in a blazing dressing-room row after Arsenal's FA Cup third-round defeat by Sheffield United. Wright later handed in a transfer request, which the board turned down on Rioch's advice. Wright has recently published



his account of the period in a old habits and, too often, the

new autobiography.
One of the problems between them was that Arsenal under Graham had become over-dependent on Wright's ability to snaffle goals from long-ball foot-ball. Rioch attempted to update that style, introducing short passing and making Bergkamp the focus of the team,

To an extent it worked - Arsenal were regularly more at-tractive than in Graham's later years. Attendances rose to an average 37,568, the third best in the country. But too many players were being asked to change

team fell between styles. Arsenal had begun better

than expected, despite waiting seven games for Bergkamp to score. For a while they looked as if they might be contenders, defeating Manchester United and being in the first three in December. But the old failing lack of midfield creativity, handicapped the side. Then both Tony Adams and Steve Bould, for years the defensive bedrock, suffered serious injury.

Platt, too, was rarely fully fit. February's Coca-Cola Cup defeat by Aston Villa ended

dreams of glory, although two late goals - from Platt and Bergkamp - secured a Euro-

pean place in the final game.
The opponents that day were
Bolton, the club Rioch had forsaken to go to Highbury. Al-though he had left Bolton, Bolton never quite left Rioch his habit of holding Bolton's more limited players up as examples to Arsenai's selfconfident stars was not one to endear him to the likes of Wright. Neither could be recreate Bolton's family atmosphere, despite encouraging players to mix socially.

In the wake of his departure, some Arsenal fans have suggested Rioch was not "big enough" for Arsenal, that perhaps a chib like Bolton is his level. Yet he won twice as many Scotland caps as Graham, captaining them in a World Cup and winning a championship medal with Derby. Wimbledon have shown that even in the capital it is possible to build a family atmosphere if the players are willing. Maybe Rioch took too long to discover which Arsenal players would not adapt. Or maybe

not - he could hardly off-load

them until he bought replace-

ments. He was big enough for Arsenal, and hard enough, but he was not enough of a politician.
That is not something that

could be said of one of the candidates for the vacancy, Johan Cruyff, who conducted a running battle with the equally strong-willed Barcelona board before finally being manoeuvred out last season. Terry Venables, now installed at Portsmouth, would not have taken kindly to interference from the board, not after his experiences at Tottenham. For Arsenal, it seems, the crisis may win spearl ashire chi

If I had stopped only twice, I might have made a stronger challenge

If told in advance that I was go- to a Williams driver. Jacques ing to finish second in Sunday's is not going to give me any Hungarian Grand Prix, regardless of what I did, then I feel confident that I would have been satisfied that I finished in the best way possible by crossing the line less than a second behind my team mate, Jacques Villeneuve.

In order to achieve that result, I had to use every ounce of energy and strategy I had in me throughout the one hour and 46 minutes race.

I was pleased with my drive. The car drove beautifully throughout the 77 laps and, by placing first and second in Hungary, Jacques and I secured this year's constructors' championship for the Roth-mans Williams-Renault team.

The entire team has worked at an unrelenting pace this season and deserve nothing less than to win this award. They have organised the season superbly and the equipment has been fantastic. I cannot praise them highly enough. This eighth constructors' ti-

tle, which equals Ferrari's record number of championships, will lift the spirits of the team to an even higher plane for the final four races. All that remains to be resolved this season, then, is the drivers' championship, which we know now will definitely go

end of the season and, of course, I'm not about to surrender my lead without a fierce on Sunday.

The one item I have to attend to is my starts. There is no question that the first few seconds of the race in Hungary proved very costly.

Bad starts have caused me problems in three races this year. I will be testing in Barcelona this week and most of my attention will be focused on improving that part of the equation; there is no question that starting is the weak link in an otherwise excellent package.

Sunday's race was a typical Hungarian Grand Prix, in that overtaking was almost impossible. After my bad start, I found myself in fourth place, stuck behind the Benetton of Jean Alesi. I was capable of going two seconds a lap faster but I was simply unable to pass on such a tight and twisting circuit.

I found myself stuck behind him for the first 20 laps. On that basis, I was going to make just two pit stops. When Alesi pulled in, I made the most of a clear track ahead of me to try to pull out some time on the Benetton so that once my pit



DAMON HILL

come out ahead of him.

But, to my dismay, when I rejoined after my pit stop, he just squeezed ahead of me and I was horrified to face the prospect of being trapped behind him for another 20-lap stint. I reckoned I would be lucky if I finished third at that rate of go-

My only hope was that Alesi could be pressured into a mistake somewhere down the line: it came just after he passed a back-marker. Alesi went off the racing line on the pit straight, got dirt all over his tyres and, at the next corner, he slid wide and I managed to nip through on the inside. Immediately, I was able to

lap much faster and push hard-er in pursuit of Michael Schumacher's Ferrari and Jacques, seconds ahead of me.

At that point, I thought I was still on a two-stop strategy, but then it turned out that I would be stopping three times. I assumed the team made the change in strategy because they were looking for ways of helping me get ahead of the Ferrari but, as I write, it is difficult for me to say exactly why

the plan was altered. After the race, I had to leave the circuit straight away to catch a flight to Bulgaria, so I did not get a chance to discuss the race in detail. I tend to think that, had I only stopped twice and therefore not spent that extra 30 seconds in the pits, I might have been able to make an even better challenge

for the lead, Regardless of that, I drove as hard as I could and I was able to cut down the gap to Schumacher. That was my main objective because, at the time, I thought I had very little chance of getting near Jacques. I caught the Ferrari and, as soon as Michael had made his third and final stop, I was able to lap much faster during the six laps before my stop and I pulled out enough to jump him in the pits.

Now I had a clear track and I set off in pursuit of Jacques. I was within striking distance

who was in the lead, about 30 with about six laps to go. Despite the pressure, he did a good job and he was able to hold on to his lead. I was always going to have a hard job finding a way past him on that circuit, so, all in all, I was satisfied

because I felt I had driven a The championship, as a result, is going to be more of a diffhanger but I'm confident that I can produce more performances similar to Sunday's and to maintain my advantage right to the end of the season

I feel I have more in reserve should I need it. The Hungarian Grand Prix is always very tough, but I felt that I could have continued driving at that speed for another 10 laps or more after the race had finished. In fact, I wish it had gone on a bit longer, because I feel I could have pushed Jacques to the point of making a mistake.

The next grand prix is on the fast, wide open expanses of Spa-Francorchamps. The Belgian Grand Prix will be a dif-ferent proposition entirely but the competition will be just as

tough.

The drivers' championship wishful thinking. I aim to continue striving to get on the top step of that podium. C Damon Hill Grand Prix Ltd.

Hill's frustration is world-class

DERICK ALLSOP

Damon Hill goes testing in Barcelona later this week hoping to brush up on his starting technique and perhaps needing to smooth over a few ripples with his team

The British driver was again sluggish leaving the line in Sun-day's Hungarian Grand Prix and had to settle for second place behind his Williams-Renault team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, a result which narrowed the gap between them in the world champi-onship to just 17 points. Hill could not contain his frustration, questioning his clutch system and his crew's decision to opt for a three-stop strategy when

he preferred two. All this on a day when Williams reaffirmed their preeminence in Formula One, and completing a record-equalling eighth constructors' champi-onship success. Little wonder the comments of their senior driver had team personnel squirming.

Williams conceded they had to sharpen their act for this sea-son and overall they have undeniably done so, a development acknowledged by Hill during the meeting here. He has criticised them in public before and they did not ap-preciate it. They are likely to be still less impressed this time.

It has to be said that man management has not been one

then they take the view this is a man's game and they do not go for the arm-around-the-shoulder approach. They are particularly disinclined to embrace whingers. Williams' first world champion, Alan Jones, an Australian as hard as Ayres Rock. was their kind of driver. Keke

Rosberg, too. And the ever mischievous Nelson Piquet. You sense Villeneuve might fall into that category. He is patently not overawed or intimidated in his first season of Formula One. He is cool and confident, yet has no airs or graces; a regular Jacques the lad. He accepts victory and defeat with equal self-restraint: no big deal, no big drama,

The contrast with Hill is glar-ing. The 35-year-old, sensitive and intelligent, has endeavoured to improve his image and to that end hired a public relations consultant. Over the weekend here, however, he seemed more tense than for some time and his response to questioning betrayed as much The old persecution complex

appeared to have snared him. It is possible negotiations for a new contract have deepened his anxiety. The grapevine suggests Frank Williams, who has on offer by far the best car, is unwilling to pay Hill more money next season. This latest airing of grievances by the championship leader can scarcely serve to strengthen his negotiating position with his boss.

Winning the title may also

that as further proof of the car's superiority. In any case, he is guaranteed the drivers' award already. Whether it goes to Hill or Villeneuve is of scant

Hill's best chance of a rise is to extract it from the team's major sponsor, Rothmans, or their engine partners, Renault, who are keen to have the No 1 on their car next season. If Villeneuve is champion, of course, the problem is solved. The Canadian is under contract for an-

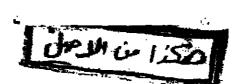
other year. These considerations and others will exercise Hill's mind remind himself he again proved he was faster than his teammate here and in fact drove extremely well, pushing hard without ever exposing himself to the ragged edge. He still has a healthy advantage with only four races remaining.

He says he feels he deserves to be champion and at the moment that is so. Seven wins to three testifies to his general command of the duel with Villeneuve. If Hill loses it now he will deserve that fate, too. It would be a capitulation on the scale of Newcastle United's last season.

But that should not come into Hill's thinking. He needs only a clear head, a steady hand on the tiller, and a modicum of circumspection. The goodwill of his team at this stage would not

The Final of the NatWest Trophy is only a day away.

NatWest More than just a bank



* Perry learns lesson from talking himself out of a title

Kenny Perry sat in a television commentary box, effectively rerouting on his own demise as the conty Mark Brooks equalled it. Steve Elkington came up short, had time. I misjudged that. I only Mark Brooks equalled it. 78th US PGA Championship reached its climax at Valhalla. Although he thought he would be involved in a play-off. Perry spent more than half an hour glied to a microphone, so when he was required to play again.

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he was ill-prepared.

The 36-year-old from Franklin, Kentucky, had a twoshot lead playing the 18th in the final round but bogeved the parfive hole and had a long wait to see if anybody could match, or tice range and then they

rolling in a four-foot putt at the 18th for a birdie, a stroke that Perry was commenting on from a CBS television booth overlooking the green,

Because of the demands of television, the sudden death play-off was held almost immediately after Brooks had made his putt to get to 11 under. "I asked the officials if I had time to go and hit some balls and at first they said yes," Perry said. "I took off for the pracbeat, his aggregate of 277, 11 under par. As Vijay Singh and grabbed me and said: 'No you can't.' I thought I would have

er too long watching them play the last few holes. Maybe I let my mind wander. I don't know. moment. I learned a good les-

son, I guess. It's a hard one." Perry had said he had shot a "dream round" of 68, but with the hopes of 30,000 Kentuckians resting on his shoulders, the scenario quickly became a nightmare. The advantage was clearly with Brooks and Perry's cause was not beloed when he discovered that he had to return to the 18th for the play-off.

the pair set a Glamorgan record

seventh-wicket partnership of 211. Neither would capitulation

have gone down too well with

the other counties in the Cham-

Steve James and Hugh Mor-

ris took their response to 82 be-

fore James was leg before

playing back to Simmons. It had taken them 29 overs to do it and

at tea, with 66 minutes and 16

overs ahead of them, Glamor-

pionship race.

Tim Glover watched as Mark Brooks took the US PGA championship from under the nose of Kentucky's favourite

four times out of five. Perry was

ability to hit the fairway on the

last hole on Sunday but on his

ond round. After being warned

about slow play, he missed a

three-foot putt

I was probably caught up in the of the 540-yard hole, Perty had Brooks had birdied the 18th bad memories of it.

Having taken a six there in left to reflect not only on his inthe final round, missing an eight-foot putt that would have won him his first major, he performance there in the secmade a complete hash of it in the play-off, becoming entangled in the bluegrass rough on the left of the fairway.

Brooks, from Fort Worth, He reached the green in five Texas, appeared to be the strokes to Brooks's two and afcalmest man at Valhalla on ter the Texan recorded anoth-Sunday evening. He became the er birdie four, Perry picked up. third player to win his first ma-

jor championship this season, following Steve Jones in the US Open and Tom Lehman in the Open. The last 16 majors have been won by 15 different players, with only Nick Price getting his name on two of the trophics.

"It was kind of a week of streaks for me," Brooks said. He had tied for 16th in the US Open, ried for fifth in the Open at Lytham and had two US Tour victories this season. "I'm a bit of a plodder." He plodded through the 11th,12th and 14th here with bogeys. "Kenny had got to 12 under and I was back to nine and it was looking bleak

at that point," Brooks said.

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Going to the 17th I told my caddie that we needed to finish 3-3." He finished 4-4 and that was enough to separate Perry from his microphone.

"This is going to be good for my career," Perry said. "I'd never been in that situation before. I'll be remembered for this." He will also be temembered for giving television viewers an insight on how to lose a major championship. He was hoist in his cown back yard.

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Last pair thwart Leicestershire

Cricket

MICHAEL GOUGE reports from Swansea Leicestershire 536 & 231-7dec Glamorgan 433 & 299-9 Glamorgan drew with Leics

Leicestershire's attempt to rewain the leadership of the Championship was frustrated by a resilient Glamorgan who, set 335 to win in what turned out to be 86 overs, ended an absorbing day at Swansea on 299

Devon Malcolm took his 10th

wicket in Derbyshire's victory at

Hove yesterday to put his side

firmly in the reckoning for the

County Championship, and

himself in line for an England

uns as Malcolm finished with

match figures of 10 for 215, tak-

ing his total tally of wickets this

summer to 61 which have spear-

headed Derbyshire's challenge

going flat out for the Champi-

onship and we've got to be in

with a chance," Malcolm said.

"rabbit", Malcolm's last-wicket

stand of 55 with Adrian Rollins

on Saturday proved as vital for

Derbyshire in the match as his

bowling, and despite his much-

publicised falling out during

the winter tour with England

chief Ray Illingworth, Malcolm

feels he is playing the best

I iust wanted to put everything

behind me and enjoy my game," Malcolm said, "and things are

Sussex, resuming on 91 for

two and chasing a target of 276,

had a disastrous start to the day.

quickly losing three wickets,

including that of England leg-

spinner lan Salisbury, who was

linked at the weekend with a

move to Surrey, an approach the

"At the start of the summer

cricket of his career.

really working out well.

World renowned as a batting

Derhyshire beat Sussex by 47

Round-up

Test recall.

for 9 to earn a laudable draw. When Phil Simmons declared Leicestershire's second innings at 231 for 7 after 15 overs yesterday morning, Glamorgan were left contemplating a difficult decision. To refuse the challenge would be cowardly but

the pitch was taking spin and to accept it could prove costly. It was not a match Glamorgan were prepared to throw away; to have done so would have been to negate the sterling

south London club has denied.

Afterwards, Peter Moores and

Keith Newell raised Sussex

hopes with a hard-hitting sev-

enth wicket stand of 64 in just

10 overs before hinch, but when

Newell was trapped leg before

off the first ball of the second

session, the Sussex tail was

It was Shaun Udal, another

bowler discarded by England,

who took the honours in a dra-

matic finish at Southampton,

where Hampshire beat Glouc-

With a day to score 352,

Gloucester were coasting while

Andrew Symonds and promis-

were in the middle, putting on

a six and 16 fours, was stumped

for 90 after going down the wicket once too often to Raj

Maru, the home side took con-

trol, Udal taking 5 for 82, in-cluding the final wicket of Jon

Lewis with only one more ball

of the game to be bowled.

102 for the second wicket.

quickly routed.

gan still needed a further 185 work of Anthony Cottey and runs with eight wickets intact.
They lost Matthew Maynard for 33 in the third over after the resumption, stumped by Paul Nixon off Matthew Brimson Malcolm spearheads and Cottey, who claimed his maiden double century on Sat-**Derbyshire charge** urday, had managed just 10 when he tried to pull Brimson

across the line only to lose his off-stump bail instead. Morris reached his fourth first-class century of the summer and the 47th of his career off 189 balls with 17 boundaries and when the final 16 overs began Glamorgan, at 228 for 4, needed 107 for victory, an improb-

able but not impossible task. It looked increasingly improbable two balls later when Gary Butcher was run out for 15 by a direct throw from Aftab Habib at extra cover. Two overs later Morris was adjudged leg and Leicestershire were right

back in the picture. Gibson and Darren Thomas ing opener Dominic Hewson were in no mood to surrender and took Glamorgan to 70 runs short of their target with 10 overs But once Symouds, who hit remaining. There were 55 needed when Thomas was bowled by Greg MacMillan and 48 at

the start of the last five overs. Leicestershire needed only three wickets and that became two when Robert Croft gave Vince Wells a simple catch off Brimson from the first of those final 30 deliveries.

Warwickshire kept alive their Gibson, who had batted with outside chance of retaining the county title by sending Durham responsibility, then went to a dreadful shot, playing all round a ball from MacMillan and was to a fourth consecutive defeat at Edgbaston. In another desperate collapse, the bottom bowled for 42. Simmons put county lost their last eight wickeight men around last batsman ets for only 106 to lose by 282 Neil Kendrick and for the last three balls of the final over Colruns soon after lunch. Slow in Metson had to contend with left-armer Ashley Giles celethe maximum 10 close combrated the award of his county cap with a career-best 6 for 45. panions. Somehow he survived. ty stadium on land bought from



Mike Atherton, the England captain, traps Wasim Akram leg before on the final day of the second Test match at Headingley yesterday Photograph: Graham Chadwick

Hampshire handed £7.1m grant

Hampshire are celebrating the award of a £7.1m grant from the National Lottery to part-fund

their move to a new ground. The county plan to build a £16m, 10,000-seat canacity stadium on land near the M27 at West End, Southampton, with first-class cricket to be staged from 2001.

The award is the first of its kind from lottery funds and has been agreed because the cricket club's plans were based around providing a communi-

the Queen's College, Oxford. Hampshire must raise the rest of the money themselves, with around £3.5m coming from the sale of their current home in Northlands Road and the rest

made up from fund-raising and

Tony Baker, the chief executive, said: "We hope to be able to play on the ground by the year 2000, although it is unlikely we will be able to use it for a first-class match until 2001. "We must raise £9m our-

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and we anticipate raising around £3.5m from the sale of the coun-

ty ground to help us on our way, The scheme includes facilities for a self-contained nursery ground for Second XI cricket, a cricket academy for young players, gymnasium, a nine-hole golf course, indoor and outdoor bowls, an all-weather sports pitch and parking for 3,000 cars. The Hampshire chairman, Brian Ford, said: "The development of a new ground will be of tremendous importance for

Captain gives batsmen a hint

Mike Atherton, the England captain, conceded that he and his four fellow selectors are still no nearer finding a balanced England side, let alone the missing all-rounder.

Alec Stewart, a maring success as a restored opener, made it clear he has no wish to take the wicketkeeping gloves again in order for the side to retain six specialist batsmen.

There is no better keeper in the world than Jack Russell and it would be very unfair if he were left out," Stewart said. "It's very hard to do both jobs at Test level and it is important, to me, to know where I am batting as soon as possible."

Atherion, who himself tried to fill the all-rounder bill with seven overs of leg-breaks - and the wicket of the Pakistan captain, Wasim Akram - was clearly pleased with his six-man batting squad. "They played well as a unit. It's so unfortunate that not one of them can bowl.

"The game plan here was to bowl them out and make enough to put them under pressure. We didn't bowl well enough when the conditions were helpful, but I'm pleased with the performance, our best since Centurion Park in South Africa. We've got out of the habit of losing, now we've got to get into the habit of winning." And The Oval? "We have won matches there with four

will be faster and we shall have to revise the game plan, possi-bly bringing in Ian Salisbury or

others.

Derek Hodgson finds Mike Atherton happy but yearning for balanced team

played well for a year and a half, but I'm only one selector."

No one actually put the ques tion of Graeme Hick, but he remains the one Test class batsman who can bowl at this level. Wasim, in turn, promised a

death or glory charge in the last Test despite his 1-0 lead in the series. "We shall be playing to win, looking for a 2-0 result. We're not interested in a draw. "The pitch here was difficult in our first innings and then eased off when England batted. I am not bowling well, Mushtaq had little luck and Waqar had problems with his run-up. The ground is not level.

"Aamir Schail (his vice-captain] will be fit to return at The Oval on what is a level ground and where we are expecting more bounce."

Yorkshire, meanwhile, were cheered by the news of the £7.1m grant to Hampshire, from the National Lottery. Yorkshire are trying to raise £50m to build a new 25,000-capacity Test ground near the A1 or at the junction of the MI and

Nottinghamshire are now istic about winning the near £4m they need to rebuild the Radcliffe Road End at Thent Bridge and MCC will be hoping that its application to re-As to the Stewart/Russell develop the Grandstand at question: "Stewie is in good nick Lord's will receive a more as an opener and Jack has favourable reception.

Flight plan for Bevan

As if the scent of a trophy was his national squad for a tour of not enough incentive for Yorkshire, the fact that they will be seeking revenge over their Roses rivais, Lancashire, as well as a place in the final of the Nat West Trophy at Old Trafford today means they will spare no

effort or expense. Yorkshire, desperate not to be without Michael Bevan, are laying on a helicopter at an undisclosed cost to fly the Australian more than 200 miles to Heathrow after the match so he can link up with

Sri Lanka.

Essex face a similar but less dramatic problem to allow Stuart Law to bring his considerable ability to bear on their semi-final against Surrey, Law, however, has a much easier journey to make from The Oval. Both counties must take care

over playing their Australians, who could be back in England by the end of the week if the Sri Lanka tour is cancelled because of security fears. They will not want to risk being left a man short if the matches are forced into a second day by had weather. "We'll wait until we see what the weather is like before deciding whether to play Michael," said Yorkshire's captain, David Byas, who has put 23-year-old Richard Kettleborough on standby for his Net West debut.

Essex are likely to call on

Jonathan Lewis if Law misses the match. Their captain, Paul Prichard, said: "Stuart's absence would be a big blow but we still have plenty of quality and experience to win."

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Given the disappointing British results in the recent Olympics. the men and women's junior quadrangle tournament starting here today has particular sig-Mile par condition that nificance as the Atlanta postmortems begin and building for Sydney gets underway, writes Bill Colwill from Vught, the Netherlands. Both tournaments feature

The state of the s England, Germany and the Ruch. The men's event also includes Pakistan, who play Eng-House of this street when the land today, while England's women play South Africa. With the European Champ-

ionships at the end of the month in Cardiff (women) and Vejle. Denmark (men), the European sides should be reaching their peak. Additional interest will centre around the new experimental rules being played - the main one being no off-side. With six of the women's

squad already capped at senior level, they should start with a win against South Africa, but may find it difficult to evereome the Dutch women, who are coached by Tom van't Hek. who has just returned from Atbanta with a bronze medal as the zenior coach.

As for the men, the performances of Reading's Mark Pearn, who many felt should empic squad at the outset, and riamly when Rob Thompson ad to pull out after having arwood in Atlanta, will be watched with great interest.

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Football

Celtic will be without Tosh McKinlay as well as Alan Stubbs for tomorrow's Coce-Cola Cup tie at Clydle due to suspen-sions. As well as having debutant Stubbs sent off during Saturday's Pre-Stubbs sent off during Setturday's Pre-mier Division opener at Aberdeen, McKinlay was shown a sed card after the game, following a clash with an op-ponent after the final whistle. Burnley FC have been given £500,000 numery remains been given 2500,000 from the Sports Lottery fund. The community grant will go towards refurbishing and redeveloping the club's 30-year-old grantasium at Turf Moor. Bolton Wanderers hope to sign the French striker Laurent Sachy from Toulouse today. Sachy, 27, has im-pressed in their games and will only cost

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Motor racing Italian rookle Alex Zanardi, dhving a Rey-nard-Honda, on Sunday won his sec-ond indyCar victory, leading for the entire 83 taps of the Miller 200 at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington.

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7-208, 8-211, 9-223.

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Umpires: A A Jones and R A White.

Hampshire v Gloucestershire SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire (20pts) bt Gloucesterabire (4) by 63 runs. Hampshire won toss KAMPSHITE - First Innings 186 (M Keech 55; C A Walsh 5-34). GLOUCESTERSHIRE - First Include 164 (D R Hewson 87, C A Connor 9-38). HAMPSHIRE - Second lanings 356 (R A Smith 77, W S Kendall 63, M Keech 61, K D James 50; M W Alleyne 4-86). D James SO; M W Alleyne 4-36).
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10.30 unless stated NATWEST TROPHY Sent-finals (One day) Old Bufford: (andashire v Volume, The Oval: Surrey v Esen. HEMOR COUNTRES CHAMPIONISMS (First day of two) Netherfield; Cumberland v Suf-tol: (11.0).

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Cruyff is favourite to replace Rioch



CLIVE WHITE

Johan Cruyff could be following in his son's footsteps to Eng-land, as the new manager of Arsenal following the shock dismissal of Bruce Rioch yesterday. The great Dutchman, whose son, Jordi, has just joined Manchester United, has emerged as the favourite to take start of the season just four days

Cruyff, who was replaced this summer as coach at Barcelona by Bobby Robson, has been a regular visitor to Arsenal manager yesterday Highbury in recent times and

was understood to have been sounded out by a member of the Arsenal board on Monday night. Don Howe, who knows the workings of Arsenal inti-mately, said last night: "If I had to make a wild guess, I would say that Cruyff is the man."

Within minutes of "releasing" Rioch, Ken Friar, the Arsenal managing director, revealed that the club had already identified a successor and that Pecontrol of the Gunners with the ter Hill-Wood, the chairman, would be announcing the new appointment "when he is in a position to do so".

should now leave."

His demise may have come

as a surprise to the public at

Saturday morning when book-

makers closed the book on the

Going Continental may be all the rage, but the name of Cruyff

Throughout last week,

job last night. Terry Venables, til the end of the season. the former England coach, has been approached by Arsenal be-Rioch's turbulent 14-month reign was punctuated with runfore and must inevitably be a

ins with the board and David front runner, even though he Dein, the club's vice-chairman, started his new role as director in particular over the purchase of football at Portsmouth yesof players. The club had decid-Arsenal broke the news of ed to take transfer negotia-Rioch's departure with a short tions out of the hands of their future managers following the terse statement which read: "The Board have decided that involvement of George Graham it was in the best long-term inin the notorious "bungs scandal" terest of the club that Mr Rioch

Rioch continued to voice his protest about the arrangement and refused to sign a contract, large, but the gambling frater-nity caught wind of it last til certain details had been resolved. He finally signed at the start of this month and was

signature. Terry Neill, a former Arsenal manager, said: "Despite the facade of everything being correct and proper at Arsenal, things have always been done on a nod and a handshake."

Arsenal, who recently announced a financial loss for last season, have been conspicuous by their absence in the transfer market this summer, unlike last year, when the spent £12.25m on two players - the Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt, the former England captain. Both signings have had their critics, but Bergkamp at least eventually won over the fans and while the

they have come to expect, the club still managed to qualify for Europe. However, the absence of any signings combined with some disappointing pre-season results had caused supporters considerable disquiet.

Arsenal turned to Rioch last summer after Porto had vetoed an approach for Robson, who was still under contract to the Portuguese club. Rioch had just steered Bolton Wanderers back into the top division with a brand of football which must have sounded like a breath of fresh air to Arsenal fans after the stereotyped - but highly successful - years under Graham's less flamboyant style.

The players, as always, were

the last to know. "It is just un-believable," Paul Merson said. "We've had some hard friendlies and got beaten, but I wouldn't have thought that was anything to go by because it all starts on Saturday. We didn't hear anything. Four or five days before the start of the season? I don't think it's fair on the

fans or the players." It would not be the first time that a Dutchman has been considered for the job as manager at Highbury. Leo Beenhakker, the former Real Madrid coach, once applied for the position. but was rejected. But the climate has changed and Continentals

Highbury exit does not surprise bookies

For most football fans, Bruce Rioch's departure from Highhury came as a complete surprise, but at the offices of William Hill, it was the announcement the bookmakers had been anticipating for 48

what has come to be known as contract only the previous the "sack race": which of the Premiership managers will no longer be in charge of their club the following May. Their initial price about Rioch losing his job was 7-1, which, given the volatile nature of football management, implied that he was one of the more secure man-At the start of each football agers in the Premiership. He season, Hills quote odds on had, after all, finally signed a

'Perhaps it's time for someone else to try'

Any bemusement Arsenal fans may have felt over Bruce Rioch's departure was quickly overshadowed by speculation about his successor at Highbury last night, writes Nick Harris.

"I'm absolutely shocked that they sacked the manager four days before the season started." a season ticket holder said 'But I'm more surprised that they didn't do it a month ago."

His views were echoed by a lot of the fans gathered outside the ground, "It was on the cards really," Tim Cowperthwaite said. "He's taken them to Europe, which is not a bad thing, but he hasn't bought anyone and he's done nothing to strengthen the team. Perhaps have a go.

ticket holder was less unequivocal about Rioch's departure. "It's good that he's gone. He hasn't been buying any players. He's been arguing with lan Wright and putting him off his

game. It's out of order. Kenny

Dalglish should come here now

that most people were talking

about vesterday as Rioch's suc-

cessor. It was Johan Cruyff.

But it was not Kenny Dalglish

One source at the ground

and sort it out.

though, punters money begged to differ, and a string of bets forced Hills to cut their odds to 3-1. By Saturday morning, the bookmakers started to suspect that the ink was already dry on Rioch's P45, and that perhaps some backers knew they were betting on a certainty. We had had a few nibbles at

month.

7-1, including one bet of £100," Graham Sharpe, Hill's spokes-man, said yesterday, "so we thought we'd go 3-1 to be on the safe side, but on Saturday morning, people started wanting £1,000 bets. One request was from a credit punter who has never had a bet bigger than £80 with us in his life, and people went into shops in Swiss Cottage and Olympia at identical times asking for £1,000 on Rioch to go. Someone else feat £200 at I and another £600 at 7-4."

said that he had had dinner with 2 the club chairman, David Dein, The four-figure stakes were declined - "people don't ask for bets like that unless they think on Sunday evening, and will be announced as manager on they know something we don't". Until there is confirmation Sharpe said - and within the hour. Hills had closed the book one way or another about the Dutchman, the main topic of altogether, an action which imconversation will be Rioch's replied the question was no longer placement, rather than the way if Rioch was to leave Highbury. in which the Scot departed. but when.

"I wasn't too keen on him in These well-informed backers the first place," a local builder - and, no doubt, many others said. "I thought it was much bet- who simply felt that the origiter when George Graham was nal 7-1 was too big a price - did here. We've had rumours about not have long to wait for their Terry Venables but he's gone to pay-out. The only consolation Portsmouth, what I'd really for William Hill, left £10,000 poorer by the episode, is that if like to see is Tony Adams getevery requested bet had been ting the job. He knows about loyalty and he'll be good for the accepted, the liability would have been 10 times bigger.

SECOND TEST: Rare wicket for Atherton as seamers find their range too late



Close call: No prizes for enthusiasm as Dominic Cork makes an unsuccessful appeal against Inzamam-ul-Haq yesterday

miliation over their captain's de-

cision to insert Pakistan,

England's recovery and subse-

quent dominance in this game

will have provided succour, in-stead of the widespread disap-

pointment claimed by those

who felt the poor showing of

England's pace quartet on the

first day had cost them the

Despite a hint of dampness on the first morning, the pitch was

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS I Inform on one held by se-
- 9 Dossiers at one's finger tips? (4-5)
- 10 Brother tethers ancient city donkey (5) 11 Try to get lift in ancient
- Humber (5)
- 12 Drug record by man had, in short, upset Erin (9) 14 Corn set to be ruined, row needs putting back in place 2
- 17 In case a hobble's used on crossing these might help?
- 21 Job wasn't so demanding?
- 23 Fashionable territory to provide ground cover? (5)
- 24 Taking a chance with day off to get cake decoration
- 5 Try a race to secure office worker (7)

 25 How to get lure of old calculating device? (9) 26 Theatre performances
 - Sir, we hear (7) 27 See failing to limit cut as unenlightenment? (7)
 - Reason? It takes that to get into US city (6) Cook pie, that's what to do with ham for food lover (7) They've a role at sea and sentence lads soundly (9)
 - Those turning to take off what makes one fleet of foot (6-5) A ship's passengers will include a silly person (3)
- 6 Went underground coming
 - Cheap time by women to Theatre performances start on the Big Apple (3-5) could be in the manner of a 13 Rodents as one might gath-
 - 15 Dve company feature brewing of ale (9) 16 Forgotten state of outside
 - cure victory for flier (7)
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- up for first appearance (5) French husband holds can of drink (7)
 - er? (7.4)
 - broadcast with violin playing (8) 18 Good friend about to se-

 - 19 Bid makes one anything but bottom (2-5)20 British comfort, we hear, of
 - could be stiff (5)
 25 In brief, is certainly to speak (3)

England draw some solace

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Headingley Pakistan 448 & 242-7 England 501 Match drawn

The finest weather of this second Cornbill Test match was saved for the least consequential passage of play, with Eng-land's attempt to bow! Pakistan out providing little more in the end than glorified net practice for the players of both sides, once the excitement of early wickets had been stemmed. Had 31 overs not been lost to rain on Sunday evening. Mike Atherton's men might well have won a remarkable match, though it is never safe to conjecture where England's batsmen and Pakistan's mercurial bowlers are concerned.

What it has proved is that England's bowlers, out of sorts in Pakistan's first innings, have it in them to put this opposition under pressure, despite using Reader balls that are constantly going out of shape. It also proves that Pakistan's batting is far more susceptible to collapse when faced with a deficit (as the visitors were in their second innings) than it is on a moist

Victory was only a reality shared by the thousand or so spectators who turned up yesterday. As most of those were supporting Pakistan, England's chances were clearly reckoned to be slim. And yet, had Nass-

er Hussain held a difficult Dominic Cork the low edge car- for his chronic back condition deed, having experienced huchance from ljaz Ahmed at rying to Jack Russell. cover point, when the score was Indeed only Inzamam-ul-142 for 4 (a lead of 89) with 51 overs to go, England might have found the belief and mo-

mentum to win. Ijaz, realising that something completely different from his swashbuckling century in the first innings was needed to pre-serve Pakistan's 1-0 lead in this secies, sat patiently on his splice. His let-off was the only blip in an otherwise sedate three and a half hour innings of 52, which ended when he gloved an attempted bouncer from Andy

Earlier, Shadab Kabir, dropped by Graham Thorpe at slip off his first ball, had found

defiance difficult, and he skied a pull shot off Chris Lewis that the bowler caught in front of the striker's stumps. Saced Anwar, another made jittery by the demands of occupation, nibbled at **Headingley Scoreboard**

PAKISTAN - First busings 448 figs: Ahmed 141, Mon Khan 101, Salim Malik 55, Asd Mujaba 51, D.G Cork 5-113).

ENGLAND - First insings 501, (A.) Str

Pakistan - Second Innines.

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Enstand won toss

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It was the operation in 1991

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Haq, indulged himself by play-ing his natural game. The bulky batsman is a fine player whose ponderous footwork sometimes gets him into trouble, and although England were lucky to dismiss him here, caught at third man cutting a long-hop, they must persist with a line wide of off-stump that will force him to move his feet.

Caddick was the pick of England's bowlers with 3 for 52, although the late appearance of Mike Atherton's leg-breaks ran him a close second. The dismissal of his Lancashire teammate Wasim Akram - padding away a leg-break -- was only his second Test wicket and 50 Tests separate it from his first, taken at The Oval in 1991 when he caught and bowled Dilip

that made Atherton give up bowling. He landed the majority of his deliveries, but it is unlikely to be a factor in deciding who will bowl in the final Test

in 10 days' time. All four seamers here have a case for inclusion, the extra bounce at the Oval perhaps suiting the length and style of Cad-dick, Mullally and Lewis more than Cork, who prefers swing and variable bounce to perform his mischief. Only by playing an extra bowler can any variety be accommodated, which means Russell will once again come un-der pressure should England look to play a spinner, as well

so well as a unit here. However, England need to win and Alec Stewart will no doubt be persuaded to take the gloves given that it is a one-off, particularly after England's gallant comeback in this Test. In-

Progress: Fourth days and light supposed play 5.00pm; Pakistan O for 0, 0 overs. Fifth day: 50t \$1 min, 184, 0 eers. Linches \$7.2 (Baz Ahmed 42, Inzanem 44 Hea 30) 28 overs: 100: 127 min, 29.2 overs. 150: 184 min, 41.4 opers. Tasa: 189.5 (Baz Ahmed 47, Wastim Alcam 0) 56 overs. 200: 261 min, 60.5 overs. Pakistan declared at 5.20pm.

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Third Test: The Oval (22-26 August).

not well grassed enough to expect to bowl a side out for less. than 250 - the normal benchmark for putting a team in. However, it was not the brave and ultimately correct move hindas the six batsmen who played sight has, perhaps, shown it to be. Atherton more or less had to field first, the choice of four seamers forced upon him not by the nature of the pitch, but by the absence of a match-winning

match.

spinner in the English game. True, the bowlers did not bowl well and the pitch certainly improved, although this was more a transformation from damp and creased shirthro ironed flat by intermittent wind. and sun, than a snake pit-

scoured of its serpents. More cricket, page 23

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